

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
June 8th, 2020

MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:05pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Deb Falk-Palec, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Meg Steimle, and Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr.

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Norma Duckworth, John Haupt, Sue Pickering, and Damian Buchman

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May)

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Johnson Jr. second the motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no discussion, the minutes were approved.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fixed route began fares again starting June 1st. MCTS allows 10 passengers per bus. All drivers are required to wear masks. Riders are encouraged to wear masks as well. MCTS is hoping to add mask and hand sanitizer dispensers to the vehicles to make them available for riders. Transit Plus drivers are also wearing masks and are recommending passengers do as well. Transit Plus vehicles are allowing four riders per transit plus vehicle for social distancing procedures.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met since the last meeting.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (May)

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk explained that the Wil-O-Ways have delayed opening until July 31st following the Milwaukee County Parks guidance. The goal is to reopen the Day Programming, Recreational Programs, and Private Party Rentals as soon as possible. County Staff is procuring additional COVID-19 related signage and are changing the building capacities at the facilities to meet recommended guidelines. Staff is also drafting a plan to send to the Reopening Steering Committee for approval of reopening the facilities. Staff explained that more and more county functions are reopening such as the Milwaukee County Zoo.

B. Chairperson's Report

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leigh provided a brief update regarding Ability Festival. The Ability Festival has been cancelled at the Summerfest Grounds. The Committee for the Ability Festival is reconsidering new dates and locations for this year as well, as considering making it a digital experience. Commissioner Leigh will update again on this next month. Commission discussed what would be the best software platform moving forward for Commission Meetings whether we use Zoom, Google Meets, or Microsoft Teams, or just use a conference call in line.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:16pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be July 13th, 2020, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission