

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
May 13th, 2019

### MINUTES

St. John's On the Lake  
1800 N. Prospect Ave.

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:05 pm

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Marcia Perkins, Cheri McGrath, Meg Steimle, Sue Pickering

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, and Norma Duckworth

Guests: Damian Buchman - The Ability Center, Ken Woodall - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April)

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Haupt made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Ken Woodall provided an update to the Commission. Total trip provided year to date are 102,410. Mobility Device Securement Training will be available May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Boundary lines will be changed for the First Transit to divide the north and south providers to provide better service to individuals.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Trust Fund Committee met prior to the Commission meeting to review a request from the Ability Center which was requesting \$5000 to provide Mobi-mating that would provide accessibility at the lakefront. The Trust Fund Committee had some questions they would like answered by the Ability Center as well as provide proof of insurance before they approve the request.

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

Commissioner Steimle wanted to know what FMD stands for. Staff explained that it stands for facilities management. Commissioner Haupt commented that the Facilities Access Committee hasn't met in quite some time, and would be interested in future meetings. Commissioner Haupt volunteered to be the Chair of the Facilities Access Committee. Staff provided a description of all the committees and their roles on the commission. Staff Mike Bonk discussed the new additions to the conference room at Underwood that now has a TV mounted to the wall as well as wireless connections for laptops, and other electronics.

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Trust Fund Committee Recommendation/ Action  
See above.
- B. MCTS Planning 10% cut to Service – Commissioner Steimle noticed this issue was brought up in the news, and was hoping for an update from Transit. Ken Woodall from Transit Plus explained that the cuts will be coming on the fixed route side, and not on the Transit Plus side of things. Ken Woodall offered to try to contact someone to try to have someone attend a future commission meeting to discuss potential cuts.

C. Recreation Report – Our Sail Away opportunities are now available. Several morning dates have filled up, but all afternoons are currently available. In addition Easterseals is hiring for the summer camps, and is looking to fill positions. Summer Camp will run June 17<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Summer Program books have been sent out and programs will begin in June as well for the Adult Recreation Programs. The sports ticket program that is a part of the Wil-O-Way Key Card Program will now be offering Milwaukee Milkmen tickets as well.

D. Chairperson’s Report -

The Chairwoman explained that Bublr will be launching accessible bikes this Summer. Staff provided a small update explaining that the City of Milwaukee’s website now says that the bikes will be launched at the end of June. The Chairwoman reported that Biketown in Portland had limited hours, when she was vacationing there and was unable to utilize the program due to the limited hours.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:27pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be June 10th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John’s on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission