

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
May 9th, 2020

MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:02pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Norma Duckworth, Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Meg Steimle, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Cheri McGrath, Damian Buchman, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr.,

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk, Timothy Ochnikowski

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March)

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

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fares have been suspended for fixed route rides as well as Paratransit. Only essential trips are allowed at this time. Fixed routes are allowing 10 riders per bus, and Paratransit is allowing 1 person per van ride. Ridership is down 70% during COVID-19 pandemic. Some routes have been cut due to low to no ridership, and MCTS has increased routes on the purple line to help with the demand needed along 27th street.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met since the last meeting.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (March & April)

Chairwoman Falk-Palec recognized Tim for his many years of service with Milwaukee County, and wished up well in retirement. Mr. Ochnikowski thanked the Commission for all their hard work, and partnership over the years, and was grateful to be able to serve Milwaukee County for 30 years. Commissioners also had questions regarding closures, and timelines to returning. Staff Bonk explained that he has recently been assigned to a group in charge of opening 15 plus County facilities owned and or leased by the Facilities Management Division. Mr. Bonk explained there are six main areas of concern before reopening which include Preparing the Buildings (HVAC, Security, Safety Systems), Preparing the Workforce (Ensuring proper PPE, training, etc.), Controlling Access (Limiting Entrances, Reconfiguring Lobby Areas, Installing Plexiglass Shields), Creating a Social Distancing Plan (Using Signage regarding Social Distancing, Reduce Building Capacities), Reduce Touch Points & Increase Cleaning, and Communicate with Confidence (Setting clear rules and expectations)

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Mr. Bonk reported that Summer Camp has been cancelled, and Recreation Programs have been suspended. The Summer Sailing Program has been cancelled as well. The Wil-O-Way Facilities have been closed until further notice. The State DNR Trail located near Wil-O-Way Underwood has been completed. The RampUPMKE initiative to make Bradford Beach more inclusive by adding a permanent boardwalk to the lakefront goes before the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission to make

recommendations for approval on Tuesday, May 12th at 5:30PM. Mr. Bonk also shared an update regarding the Disability Pride Milwaukee Festival, and Ability Fest. The two groups decided to merge to celebrate the Ability Fest for the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the ADA.

B. Chairperson's Report

Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec mentioned the Adaptive BublR bikes are back in the city of Milwaukee at this time but have not come back to the city of Wauwatosa.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be June 8th, 2020, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission