

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
November 12th, 2018

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:03 pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Acting Chairwoman Barbara Leigh the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: John Haupt, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins.

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Deb Falk-Palec Supervisor Willie Johnson, Sue Pickering, Meg Steimle, Denise Koss, and Kathy Zalewski

Guests: Damian Buchman - The Ability Center, Jo Douville, Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October)

No Quorum

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Jo Douville provided a background of her position at MCTS. Jo Douville is a travel trainer for MCTS who helps individuals plan their trips, and help them become more comfortable with riding the bus. It is a free service to have a one on one travel trainer. Ms. Douville will actually come to an individual's house and help them plan a trip to where they want to go (work, grocery shopping, etc). Ms. Douville also assists in the Bus Orientation Program which allows individuals with mobility devices the ability to take their time getting use to the bus and learn how to navigate on and off the bus and see the securement devices that are used. MCTS does Bus Orientation Program onsite at MCTS as well as takes buses off site upon request to different locations in the community for additional training. Ms. Douville also assists ADA sensitivity training which includes mobility device securement training, sighted guiding for individuals with visual impairments, and assistance for individuals with hearing loss. Commissioner Leigh asked if there was an easier way to pay to use the bus as she struggles with the fare boxes. Ms. Fran Musci explained the best thing to do would be to get a stored value card at a local sale outlet, and keep stored value on a card, which is reloadable. To reload the card you can go online and pay without having to go into the outlet to reload your stored value card. Staff Mike Bonk commended MCTS for being highlighted in [Metro Magazine](#) for their ADA Sensitivity Training. Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus Report. Transit Express fired their General Manager, and has now hired a replacement General Manager, Tracy Harrington. On time percentages have already improved in the first month since Tracy's been hired.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk reported on the Disability Awareness Month Activities. Mr. Bonk explained that over 90 art pieces were displayed at the Tap the Potential – Mitchell International Airport Art Show. Comments came from all over the United States, some as far west as California, and as far east as Florida. The Artists Reception was well attended, and had various performers. Performances included Easterseals Color Guard, the MCFI Choir – Voices of Independence, and individual performance by Adult Day Services. County Executive Chris Abele attended the reception, and spoke to the all the amazing artists within the show. Angeline Tesch won 1st prize at the Mitchell International Airport Art Show for her piece called "The Beginning". The Tap the Potential Fashion Show was held at Wil-O-Way Underwood on October 26th from 11:00AM TO 1:00PM. Over forty models and five organizations participated in the Fashion Show. In

addition there was a White Cane Day Flash Mob dance outside the Milwaukee County Courthouse on October 15th which raises awareness for individuals with visual impairments. The Wil-O-Way Key Program has expanded its offerings to include more events at the Fiserv Forum through the TicketPASS program. Program discounts now include events, such as WWE, Disney on Ice, Professional Bull Riding and more. The office has also paired up with the Milwaukee Milkmen, the new professional baseball team that is a part of the ROC Ventures organization which will build their stadium in the Ballpark Commons area in Franklin. In addition our office has been coordinating free Holiday Folk Fair Tickets with disability related organizations, and individuals and families with a member with a disability. The office will distribute 1000 tickets for this event.

B. Chairperson’s Report –

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Acting Chairwoman Barbara Leigh adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be December 10th, 2018, 1:00pm at St. John’s on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission

