

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
November 11th, 2019

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00 pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Acting Chairwoman Perkins led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

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

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Norma Duckworth, Deb Falk-Palec, Meg Steimle Damian Buchman, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Denise Koss, and Sue Pickering

Guests: - Lisa Foley, Julietta Henry, Director, Milwaukee County Election Commission, Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October & September)

No Quorum present.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

Upcoming Election (Julietta Henry, Director, Milwaukee County Election Commission)

Attachments (Acceptable Photo ID's, The Elderly and Voters with Disabilities)

Registered Voters can now register online with a valid ID. Absentee Ballots can be requested in a variety of ways. Can request curbside voting if weather is inclement. There are also accommodations that can be made for individuals with visual impairments that can be read out loud to make candidate selections. Text Alerts are available for the City of Milwaukee, by sending the keywords MKE VOTE to 468311. Guest Lisa Foley commented that the ink was low at the Whitefish Bay polling location and had to wait for ink for the accessible voting machine at the last election. Fran Musci asked if anyone can vote absentee (Yes). Commissioner McGrath asked how it works for Braille Ballots. Braille ballots needs to be requested ahead of time and are made by the Wisconsin Talking Book & Braille Library out of the Central Library. Next upcoming elections can be found at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

<https://bringit.wi.gov/>

<https://elections.wi.gov/publications/brochures/idpp-palmcard-brochure>

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus Report. Transit Plus rides for the previous month were 36,517 with an on-time percentage of 94.48%. Aira services have expanded to MCTS. 3rd Transit company to get on board with Aira. MCTS is requesting Aira beta testers in December, big push for January 2020.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (October)

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Staff Mr. Bonk reported on Disability Awareness Month activities. Events included White Cane Day Flash Mob October 15th, Clas Park. Disability Awareness Month Fashion Show at Wil-O-Way Underwood. The event had over 150 people in attendance which included the 60+ models. Mitchell International Airport show had 82 pieces of artwork displayed and was the most well attended Artist Reception since it's inception. The Office for Persons with Disabilities is again offering Holiday Folk Fair tickets for free to individuals and their families with up to six tickets per family, and thirty tickets per organization. The office will no longer be using Text Alerts, as it was previously a free service now would charge those subscribed

on a monthly basis. Staff also explained that we also have discounted ticket offers through the Fiserv Forum Ticketpass program.

B. Chairperson's Report

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Lisa Foley introduced herself to the Commission and explained that she is interested in accessible voting. She hopes to attend future meeting to discuss how the upcoming election went in regard to accessibility. Ms. Foley previously worked at Disability Rights Wisconsin and has interest in attending future meetings.

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:02pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be December 9th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission