

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
October 8, 2018

MINUTES

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

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:02 pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Sue Pickering, Meg Steimle, and Kathy Zalewski (via phone)

Commissioners Absent or Excused: John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Anne Kearney, Marcia Perkins

Guests: Damian Buchman The Ability Center, Dan Krohn TMG, Ayame Metzger Department on Aging, Fran Musci Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July & September)

Commissioner Koss made motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steimle 2nd the motion. No one opposed and the minutes have been approved as written.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

Dan Krohn from TMG. The Management Group is a consulting agency within the IRIS program. Individuals have the ability to hire whomever they want to have services provided for them. The Management Group helps individuals understand all of the resources within the community to help individuals provide the best resources available, to ensure people meet all of their needs.

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus Report. YTD Transit Plus 296,956 Van rides up. Taxi averages 4000 a month and has similar numbers compared to last year. Current performance by Transit Express has been poor since being sold in 2017. Transit Express has been fined multiple times due to poor performance in regards to on time performance. Transit Express has a driver shortage. Commissioner McGrath asked if this is more of a national problem, or is this localized with this vendor. Commissioner McGrath asked what their repercussion are, and how long is the contract? Staff Musci explained that the contract was renewed in 2015 and is an 8 year term. Staff Musci explained MCTS is hoping Transit Express can make improvements, and will have to consider terminating the contract, and have to put out for RFP if this is not corrected.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

A. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk reported there have been many upgrades made to the Wil-O-Way facilities. Plumbing at Wil-O-Way Underwood has been replaced in the bathrooms, as flush valves were getting stuck open and allowing water to continuously run. Staff is looking into the costs of adding a motorized projection screen at Wil-O-Way Underwood. In addition the Office has made upgrades to install a projection screen at Wil-O-Way Grant. Mike also reported that he has been working collaboratively with additional groups to hosting Tap the Potential events. Events include the Mitchell International Airport Art Show, White Cane Day Flash Mob, and Fashion Show. Staff explained that the Office for Persons with Disabilities has again worked with the Holiday Folk Fair to distribute 1000 tickets for persons with disabilities, and their families. Staff Mike again explained the Wil-O-Way Key Card Program, and how the office works with the Admirals, Bucks, Brewers, and Wave to provide free or discounted tickets based upon availability. In addition staff explained

that there is a TicketPASS program that offers discounted tickets to Fiserv Forum events including Bucks Games that is available to anyone using the promo code: MCOPD. Information can be found on the Office for Persons with Disabilities webpage under the Recreation tab. In addition staff explained additional discounts the Marcus Center, which can also be found on the website. Additional Accessibility was discussed at the new arena, Fiserv Forum. The commission was happy to hear of all of the accessibility features especially the adjustable height changing table. Commissioner Steimle asked if Easterseals has hired a Recreation Coordinator.

- B. Chairperson’s Report – Chairwoman Falk-Palec talked about the Adaptive Bike Workgroup with the City of Milwaukee. James Davies reported that it may be possible to attach a d-ring clip to adaptive bikes to be able to include adaptive bikes within the Bublr Bike program. James explained he needed bring this up with their board at Bublr, and see if there are any issues with voiding manufacturers warranties on the bikes, if there were to apply this type of technology.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ayame introduced herself, and explained that she works with the Department on Aging. Ayame has a grant that Uber will be offering free rides to voter’s stations for the next election.

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman Deb Falk Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:42pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be November 12th, 2018, 1:00pm at St. John’s on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission

