

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
September 9, 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

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

Commissioners Present: Damian Buchman (via phone), Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering, Meg Steimle (via phone)

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Norma Duckworth, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., and Denise Koss

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

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

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Haupt second the motion. Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Fran Musci provided the Transit Plus Report. Transit Plus rides for the previous month were 37,946 with an on-time percentage of over 95%. The transit boundary lines have been changed which Transit Plus credits to their success. MCTS would be interested in displaying the 2018 Eric Hobbs Award Winning Artwork by Angeline Tesch, "The Beginning." The artwork would be displayed at the MCTS Administration building. Commissioner Perkins made a motion to donate the 2018 Eric Hobbs Award Winning Artwork by Angeline Tesch, "The Beginning" to MCTS for their administration building. Commissioner Leigh second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

##### A. Trust Fund Committee (Ability Center Request)

Commissioner Pickering reported that the Trust Fund Committee recommends \$5,000 from the Commission's Trust Fund be distributed to the Ability Center in support of the RampUp Bradford Beach 2019 project to purchase Mobi-matting as an improvement to Bradford Beach. Commissioner McGrath made a motion to approve the Trust Fund Expenditure of \$5,000 to the Ability Center, in support of the RampUp Bradford Beach 2019 project, for the purchase of Mobi-matting at Bradford Beach. Commissioner Perkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Hearing no discussion, a vote was called. Vote: 6 aye's, 0 Ney's, 1 abstention (Haupt). Commissioner Buchman was not participating in the meeting during the committee's report to the Commission or the vote. The Commission approved the expenditure and asked the Ability Center to have the Commission acknowledged for their donation on signage located at the beach.

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (July & August)

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

##### A. Potentially Hosting County-Wide Listening Session

Commission discussed possibility of three county-wide listening sessions. Commissioner Pickering suggested removing "etc" from the flyer and add others interested in disability related issue. Add pictures of locations. Commission will develop a survey to be distributed online. Commission requested staff to see Commissioners availability to attend a future listening session meeting.

B. Recreation Report

Staff Mike Bonk provided the Recreation report. Staff reported the Summer Camps went great. Staff will be meeting with Easterseals next to go over Camp Surveys to see the feedback parents had. Summer Sail Away Program also continues to have positive feedback, and the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center has committed to continue the program for next year as well. OPD received commitments received from the Milwaukee Admirals, Bucks & Wave to be a part of the Sports Ticket Program. In additional request was sent out to the Holiday Folk Fair but have not heard back yet. OPD has been working with Parks regarding an [All Abilities page](#) to highlight all the accessible opportunities Parks has to offer.

C. Chairperson's Report

Bikes

Electric Scooter pilot in the city of Milwaukee is underway. There are currently three vendors within the pilot in the City of Milwaukee include Lime, Spin, and Bird scooters. Chairwoman Falk-Palec explained that cities within California are implementing verbiage of including adaptive scooters that include seats. Chairwoman Falk-Palec states Representative Robyn Vining is working on legislation regarding adult changing tables. Mitchell Airport possible location for adult changing table.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:11pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be October 14th, 2019, 1:00pm at St. John's on the Lake, 1800 N. Prospect Ave.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission