

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Mike Bonk, Interim Director
November 9th, 2020

MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting
Conference Line: 414-436-3530
Passcode: 660 353 019#

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00pm

ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Damian Buchman, Norma Duckworth, Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins.

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Deb Falk-Palec, John Haupt, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Sue Pickering, and Meg Steimle

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July, September, October)

No Quorum Present

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Staff Fran Musci reported Para Transit 19,213 rides this past, down 47%. Taxi service is down 40% and had 2,986 rides. Transit Plus provided 59 free rides and Department on Aging provided 30 free rides to help individuals with disabilities or seniors get out and vote. Free rides were provided if they needed to get to their polling place or get their voter id prior to voting. Aira to continue through MCTS. MCTS is running a new bus line to Amazon to help individuals get to work. The route 81 starts from Amazon to Oak Creek and goes up as far north as 35th and Fond du Lac Ave. The route 81 connects to 16 other routes. MCTS Next received county board approval. MCTS is also in the process of updating their software which will improve dispatching and all aspects of service.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committees met since the last meeting.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (October)

Interim Director Bonk provided a review of the Office Report. The Wil-O-Ways have been approved for reopening for private party rentals. Private Party rentals have been limited to the 25% capacity levels in the hall which comes to 45 people. The office now accepts online payments for rental payments. The Office has had numerous cancellations, due to COVID-19. In addition, rentals need to follow the updated rental guidelines, and choose layouts based on their needs. Director Bonk participated in Microsoft Accessibility Trainings and encouraged other departments to attend. Milwaukee County has extended its contract with Aira into 2021.

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

- A. Recreation Report
Interim Director provided a brief update regarding the Recreational Programming. OPD is hoping to reopen for Spring Programming, and Summer Camps. The Wil-O-Way Key Card offerings have been postponed as all the major sports teams are not allowing fans into their stadiums.
- B. Chairperson's Report

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner McGrath mentioned that she has seen many successes from the Commission over the years but doesn't hear many success stories on employment. Interim Director Bonk mentioned there is a great program within



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the community for high school aged students called project search that gives individuals with disabilities a wide variety of job opportunities, and offer internship type opportunities, with many times leading to fulltime positions. Interim Director Bonk is going to invite someone from Project Search to talk at the next Commission Meeting about their successes.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

ITEM XI ADJOURN

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 1:32pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be November 9, 2020, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission