

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Mike Bonk, Interim Director  
November 8th, 2021

### MINUTES

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

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

1:00pm

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, Anne Kearney, Barbara Leigh, Meg Steimle, Damian Buchman, Denise Koss John Haupt, and Marcia Perkins

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Norma Duckworth, Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr., Cheri McGrath, and Sue Pickering

Guests: - Fran Musci - Transit Plus

Staff: Mike Bonk

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September & October)

Commissioner Leigh made a motion to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, Chairwoman Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as written.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORTS

##### A. Opportunity Center

Commissioner Buchman provided an informational report regarding the Opportunity Center. The Opportunity Center will be located at 4206 N Green Bay Road. The Ability Center have purchase two plots of land to build the Opportunity Center. They are in the design phase at this time.

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT & BUS RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE

Staff Fran Musci provided an informational report regarding Transit Plus. Van service is trending upward and is just above 70% of pre-covid levels. Transit Plus provided 25,136 rides last month. Transit plus is still short on staff. At this time individuals can expect longer ride times. Transit Plus will be 100% remote for 4 - 6 weeks while the Transit Plus office is being renovated.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

##### A. Committee Goal Updates

Chairwoman Deb Falk-Palec asked where the office was regarding the Recreational RFP. Staff Bonk indicated the RFP was put out for bid October 8<sup>th</sup> and closed on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The RFP submissions have been scored and will be reaching out to the vendor soon to award the potential contract. Staff Bonk provided an informational update regarding the committees and their goals. The Facilities Access Committee goal was to fully implement Kulture City at the Wehr Nature Center, Coggs Human Services Building, Boerner Botanical Buildings, Mitchell Park Domes, and the Milwaukee County Zoo. Kulture City has been implemented at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Wehr Nature Center is close and needs to submit pictures over to Kulture City to be included in the app. Other places like the Coggs facility are delayed due to still being closed.

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (October)

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

##### A. Office for Persons with Disabilities integration to DHHS update

Staff Bonk reported that a majority of the DHHS integration has been working with the Facilities Management Division regarding the roles and responsibilities of maintaining the Wil-O-Ways and how all

the maintenance will be provided. The Office for Persons with Disabilities has only has introductory meetings with DHHS as of this time, and more meetings have been planned for the future. Chairwomand

B. Chairperson Report

Chairwoman Falk-Palec as if we could invite the new ADRC Director to a future meeting to introduce herself. In addition Chairwoman Falk-Palec mentioned that she visited a Zoo in another part of the US that highlights an accessibility map, and thought it could be beneficial for the Milwaukee County Zoo to consider this. Staff Bonk explained that they are hoping to develop a similar map and have it displayed on their website under their accessibility page.

**ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 1:49pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be December 13th, 2021, 1:00pm by virtual meeting. Please check the agenda for the link, and phone number.

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission