

To: Duluth City Council
From: Andrea Agar, Chair of Lakewalk Task Force
Date: December 1, 2014
Re: Task Force Preliminary Report

Please accept this as the Lakewalk Task Force preliminary report due to the Duluth City Council on December 1, 2014. The Lakewalk Task Force has been meeting every other week since mid September. We began our work by engaging in fact finding. This included:

- Review of an extensive set of documents, including prior studies of the issue, city council actions, and legal documentation.
- A site visit to the study area.
- Presentations from the city trails coordinator, the city engineer, city planning staff, and a representative from the Wheels on Trails organization (a group that focuses on access to trails for people with disabilities).

The Task Force has begun the work of developing and considering various options for addressing the issues it was asked examine.

The members of Task Force have developed a positive working relationship and have come to a working consensus about basic principles, values, and goals to guide us in our work. We are confident that we will come to agreement regarding the issues within our charge. We will not, however, be able to complete our work by the original January 15, 2015 deadline for our final report. On behalf of the group, I therefore request that Council President Larson grant us an extension until February 15, 2015 for submission of our final report.