

City of Duluth  
Commission on Disabilities  
Monthly Meeting  
February 1, 2012

Melissa Booth	P	Lars Kuehnow	P
Clara Borrell	A	Francis McGee	E
Roberta Cich	P	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erica Erickson	P	Karin Swor	P
Lindsey Harkreader	P	Glenn Tridgell	P
Sara Junge	P	Randall Vogt	P
Durbin Keeney	E	Bob Grytdahl-Staff	P

**Roll Call-** Also present: Gerald Salveson

1. Approval of January minutes & Current Agenda  
*Roberta Cich motioned to approve the minutes as written.  
The agenda was approved as written.*
2. Correspondence  
There was no correspondence.
3. Signage Requests
  - A. James Zimmer - 1825 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street -- Erica Erickson visited the residence and recommended approval of signage request. The Chair, under her authority took Erica's recommendation to approve the request.
  - B. Daniel Kuismi - 116 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street -- Erica visited the residence and recommended approval of signage request. The Chair, under her authority took Erica's recommendation to approve the request.
  - C. Radford Tucker – 22 N. 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. – Melissa Booth will visit the residence and report back at the next commission meeting.

Roberta Cich offered to draft a procedure for handling parking requests in a timely manner. *Roberta Cich motioned to approve the parking requests. Lars Kuehnow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

4. Action and Advocacy Reports
  - A. Parks and Recreation report - Erica Erickson addressed the infant swings at Bayfront Park, which are not accessible via wheel chair. The foam shavings are “squishy” and a wheel chair cannot traverse the material. Kathy Bergen from Parks and Recreation reported that the swings are in fact accessible and said she will have Tom Kasper re-explain it.
  - B. ADA Update – A booklet called “A Primer for Small Business” is available to give out

to businesses with potential ADA issues. Bob Grytdahl, Lars Kuehnow, Erica Erickson, Glen Tridgell, and Roberta Cich volunteered to start an action group designed to address accessibility concerns within the city.

- C. Tycoons Restaurant did a good job with ADA accessibility during their renovations of Old City Hall.
- D. Tourism Task Force – The task force is setting up a meeting with Visit Duluth.
- E. Unfair Campaign – Bob Grytdahl provided a handout of upcoming Unfair Campaign events. More information can be found at <http://unfaircampaign.org/action/see-it/>

5. Year End Report

Melissa Booth will review the previous year's minutes and compose a draft of the year end report and submit to Sara Junge for review.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Other Business

Karin Swor brought up parking concerns on Second Street. The parking angles have changed, which blocks accessibility to the sidewalk. There was discussion on the need to consider another location for Commission meetings to a location that has more accessible parking. Beverly Strongitharm and Karin will bring a list of possible venues for future commission meetings to the next Disabilities Commission meeting in March.

8. Announcements

There were no announcements.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Booth  
Secretary

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