

City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2013

Melissa Booth	E	Amber Madoll	A
Clara Borrell	A	Francis McGee	E
Roberta Cich	A	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erica Erickson	P	Karin Swor	P
Sister Mary Carla Flood	P	Randall Vogt	P
Derek Uttley	P	Ray Kleveter	E
Gerald Salveson	P	Bob Grytdahl-Staff	E

Roll Call

1. Approval of February Minutes & Current Agenda

To approve the agenda and last month's minutes, Gerald Salveson made a motion and Karen Swor seconded. *March minutes approved as written and current agenda approved as amended.*

2. Signage Requests

- a. 1528 E. 4th Street - Erica Erickson visited residence. Off street parking is not accessible and on street parking is limited. Applicant unable to walk far distances due to disability. *Commission recommends approval of signage request.*
- b. 411 N. 26th Ave. W. #3 - Erica Erickson visited this residence also. The two off-street parking spots behind the house belong to the other tenants of the building and may not be used by applicant. On street parking is limited. Applicant unable to walk far distances due to disability. *Commission recommends approval of signage request.*

To approve the signage Derek Uttley made the motion and Gerald Salveson made the second.

3. Discussion with City Building Official:

This person was not present. He or she will be contacted and invited to the May meeting.

4. Action and Advocacy Reports

- a. Taxi Task Force - Gerald Salveson reported on the meeting of 03/22/13. Surveys were distributed and the task force will seek the help of interns to compile the results.
- b. Accessibility Code - Tabled until next month.
- c. Parks and Recreation - The annual Parks meeting is tonight at the Public Safety Building. The progress of the past year on master plans, flood damage and repairs, and grant recipients will be the main topics of the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

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5. Strategic Planning 2013

Melissa provided the Commission's goals for 2013. The Commission reviewed them and accepted them as written.

6. Public Comment

Several members of the public were in attendance. One woman came from Cloquet to observe the Commission in the hopes of starting a similar commission in Cloquet. Another woman stated that she would like to see accessible horse mounting equipment and adequate parking for horse trailers to be available at the new Duluth entrance to Spirit Mountain so that people with disabilities who ride horses can use this location to access the riding trail that extends west from there. Erica encouraged her to apply for a Parks grant and stated that she would mention it to the Parks Board in May.

7. Other Business

- a. Ray Kleveter and Clara Borrell have resigned.
- b. Randall Vogt stated that Visit Duluth has agreed to provide information of interest related to people with disabilities in its latest publication.

8. Announcements

Derek Uttley announced that the Disabled American Veterans State Conference will be May 2-4 in Duluth at the Holiday Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica M. Erickson
Chair

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