

1City of Duluth
 Commission on Disabilities
 Monthly Meeting
 August 4, 2010

Melissa Booth	P	Francis McGee	E
Clara Borrell	A	Patti Nadeau	P
Debra Burmeister	A	Tony Rubin	E
Roberta Cich	P	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erika Erckson	P	Karin Swor	E
Lindsey Harkreader	P	Glenn Tridgell	P
Sara Junge	P	Randall Vogt	P
Durbin Keeney	P	Galen White	P
Lars Kuehnou	A	Bob Grytdahl—staff	P

1. Agenda: Approved as written.
2. 06/02/10 minutes – Approved as written.
3. Signage Requests – No signage requests today.
4. Public Comment – None today.
5. Other Business:
 - a. Radisson update (Roberta): We have talked to city planners about renovations not addressing accessibility requirements. The City Attorney’s office is involved and consulting regarding the law and when the city building and safety office approves a plan, what are the requirements, etc. and clarifying the language of the state statute. For reference, the State statute concerning renovations and accessibility is MN Building code chpt. 1341. We are hoping to have more information from the city in September.
 - b. Skywalk (Roberta/Bob): The next leg of the skywalk plans involves the Sheraton to Greysolon, then to the Norshor, Temple Opera Building and the Fond-Du-Luth Casino. We have consulted on the leg from the Sheraton to the Greysolon and the city has shared plans. One is temporary and does not offer access to Superior Street and the second is accessible but brings the public into the living space of Greysolon residents. The temporary non-accessible option is viable as long as there is signage designating it as temporary and that there is no access to Superior Street. The permanent plan involves adding an elevator, accessible bathrooms, etc. We are interested in keeping Commission involvement with this.
 - c. Regarding the NorShor renovation – Galen and Roberta will contact the director or the Playhouse to initiate discussion regarding their plans for the space.
 - d. ADA Employer training – Discussed plans for the event October 18. Cindy Tarsish will speak along with Drew Digby. Location is still to be determined.

Discussed parking issue at the library. Important to be on a busline. Option of American Legion or Armory Guard building by the airport. Stay tuned.

6. Parks and Recreation report (Patti)
 - a. The Master Plan draft will be available to the public soon. Patti will then share the community meeting dates. The community response and feedback so far has been strong. The plan is also including input from the school district's long range facility plan regarding shared park space, etc.
 - b. The ADA accessibility guidelines are moving through Congress. These are the updated guidelines. Once they are made into law, it may change some plans as well as playgrounds are now included in the guidelines.
 - c. Park Point campground—10-15 primitive campsites are being proposed at the end of Park Point beach. Unknown bathroom plans. Still in the feasibility stage, but not accessible in the current state of planning.

7. Announcements:
 - a. Roberta will email the goals/action steps for our September meeting to refresh Commissioners and generate discussion on any new projects.
 - b. ARC Northland Housing Access Program (Melissa). Participants must qualify for MA or be eligible for waiver services. The program can assist with finding housing, deposit, furnishings. They have another year of funding.
 - c. Veteran Standown—a veteran services related fair. Friday August 27 at the Encounter. Contact Paul at MACV for additional information.

Durbin made the motion to adjourn at 4:15; second by Beverly.

Next commission meeting will be September 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Junge
Commission Secretary

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