

City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2013

Melissa Booth	P	Amber Madoll	A
Michelle McDonald	A	Francis McGee	A
Roberta Cich	A	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erica Erickson	P	Karin Swor	E
Amanda Crosby	P	Randall Vogt	A
Derek Uttley	P	Amy Hill	P
Gerald Salveson	P	Bob Grytdahl -Staff	P

1. Approval of Minutes & Current Agenda

Gerry Salveson motioned to approve the August minutes with correction to Amy Hill's name under signage requests. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Signage Requests-

- a. 923 Lake Ave. S. – Derek Uttley was unable to reach the residents by phone. He will continue to attempt to contact them.
- b. 2319 W. 3rd Street – *Amanda Crosby visited the site and made a motion to recommend approval for an accessible parking space. Amy Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

3. Action and Advocacy Reports

- a. Parks & Recreation - There is an accessible walkway being constructed to the docks at Indian Point Campground. Occupancy rates have been good this past year.
- b. Taxi Task Force - Gerald Salveson reported that the DTA purchased three high-tech taxi cabs to add to the STRIDE fleet. With the addition of these vehicles, STRIDE is able to be more flexible with rides. He also relayed the information that three buses will be added to the STRIDE fleet of accessible vehicles. Riders do need to qualify for STRIDE services in order to use them.

Custom cab has an accessible van in service, but it's not getting used as much as it could by customers in need of accessible taxi service. Get the word out that this service is available.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Other Business

Erica Erickson brought her drafted letter to send out to tourism agencies/representatives in Duluth, offering assistance on behalf of the Commission on Disabilities to tourism planners.

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Bob Grytdahl will put the letter on City of Duluth letterhead, and mail it out to the agencies we want the letter sent to. Commissioners are asked to email addresses of places that Bob will send the letter to by the next meeting in October.

Gerald mentioned that he is part of the production crew on Commissioner's Corner. He also discussed medical apparatus, and the hoops that people need to go through in order to get a wheel chair. Medical device screening reviews has to be re-done every three years.

6. Announcements

- a. Amy Hill is selling tickets for the Kendahl mini golf fundraiser for this Saturday. Tickets are \$5.00.
- b. The Harvest Festival is at Bay front this Saturday.

The next Commission on Disabilities meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Booth
Secretary

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