

City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting
November 3, 2010

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

Guests: Julia Matson, Dwight Morrison and Jeff Anderson.

1. Approval of October minutes & November agenda --
October minutes approved as written. November agenda approved.
2. Signage Requests:
No signage requests today.
3. Action reports:
 - a. Irving Project – Kristin Ridgewell was to attend another commission meeting to speak on the Irving project and the master plan, but she was not present today. Discussion to be moved to next month’s agenda.
 - b. Elevator Speech – Small group will meet at the end of the meeting today to fine-tune and commission ‘elevator speech’. Stay tuned to review next month.
 - c. Accessible tourism small group report. Galen, Fran, Randy and Julia with PDC have not officially met as a group yet, but Galen shared some initial thoughts and notes.
 - d. ADA Training – The Commission may collaborate with Margot from the State Disability Council to develop training on Title II of the ADA and responsibilities of local government. Roberta and Bob to collaborate and involve city department leaders.
 - e. Snow Removal Task Force – Meeting November 4 at 9:30 at Community Action Duluth. The meetings have discussed volunteer coordination and event planning. Tentative campaign title: Duluth Digs; winter mobility for all. Commission discussion followed regarding promoting accessibility and shoveling challenges. How do we build awareness in the community and educate?
4. Other Business
The ADA employer training had 20 attendees. Challenges discussed included increasing attendance for next year and building relationships in the community with groups or boards like Visit Duluth, Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Downtown Council.

5. Public Comment –
Jeff Anderson, concerned citizen. Discussion concerning the DECC auditorium accessible seating beyond just the back of the auditorium. Denfeld auditorium was included in the discussion as well. Roberta and Bob volunteered investigating who to contact at these two sites to initiate discussion.
6. January agenda – Meeting agenda item will include forming and evaluating action step projects for 2011.
7. Announcements
 - a. Bentleyville events this year will have an accessible shuttle. Shuttles will be available with 24-hour notice for wheelchair accessibility.
 - b. Durbin handed out Veteran's Day posters for the march next Thursday.

Next commission meeting will take place December 1, 2010 in Room 303 City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Junge
Commission Secretary

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