

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Commission on Disabilities  
Wednesday  
February 6, 2019  
3:00 pm Room 303 City Hall

Ann Roscoe P	Amanda Crosby P	Tom Furman P
Amy Burke P	Roberta Cich E	Dianne Naus E
Michelle McDonald P	Carl Crawford P	Meghan Terella
Beverly Richardson P	Mark Bauer P	Guests:

**Welcome, Roll Call, and Meeting opening at 3:06 pm**

- 1. Approval of Agenda MSC (Roscoe, Richardson)**
- 2. Approval of January 2019 Meeting Minutes MSC (Furman, Terella)**
- 3. Public Comment/Information:** None
- 4. Accessible Parking Update** – Mr. Bauer reports accessible parking has become more prevalent and a high level of conversation at recent Parking Commission meeting on Feb 1. Mr. Bauer submitted the following verbal report: Recommended by Mr. Bauer and Approved by Parking Commission:

- 3506 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 628 N 60<sup>th</sup> Ave W, 107 S 19<sup>th</sup> Ave W, 13302 W 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 231 E 8<sup>th</sup> St, 615 N 58<sup>th</sup> Ave W, 2108 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, 326 N 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave W, 505 N 57<sup>th</sup> Ave W
- 1525 Jefferson Street – this signage will be removed as tenant moved
- East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (address not noted) – 10 minute drop off zone created

**Ordean Building Accessible Parking** - Mr. Bauer shared he has no clear answer from city engineers on liability and installing ADA on Superior Street. Mr. Crawford echoed agreement that he believes the issue is stuck between engineers and LHB contractors – dialogue with Commission includes keeping the issue on the agenda. In regards to ADA parking on Michigan, Mr. Bauer shared curb is too high and grade is of concern to install proper ADA but engineering is expected to install 2 ADA spots on Michigan with time limit (4 hours) as currently one ADA with no time limit is in place. This conversation will continue and shared with Commission by Mr. Bauer and Mr. Crawford as it develops.

- 5. Parks and Rec** – No report

**6. Old Business**

**Event Checklist** – Mr. Crawford reports printing is done and checklists are now at city office. Mr. Crawford posed a dilemma of how does the Commission follow up to ensure meeting the recommendations and what does the Commission want? Ms. Burke asked if city permit personnel could attend Commission meeting in the future – Ms. Berner asked if language could be included on checklist and permit involving “if Q’s, contact Commission”. Mr. Crawford will inquire within the city department.

## 7. New Business

**Mental Health** – Mr. Crawford advised the Commission that the topic is something the Commission should be looking at in the near future. He also shared the topic of individuals with mental health diagnoses and the interactions with law enforcement are a topic that is presenting itself in the area. The Commission requests having a presenter on the subject during the Commission's meeting would benefit and increase the understanding of the Commission.

**Service Animals** – Commission discussed the topic of Service Animals vs Support/Emotional companions. See flyers on Mn Statues Chapter 609.

## 8. Current Disability Issues

**Second phase of Superior Street construction:** Mr. Bauer was able to speak on this issue and report he has copy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Construction. He would like to have some time to review and then present to Commission.

**Snow Removal Task Force** – Ms. Roscoe reported meetings have continued with members including: Cich, Roscoe, Burke, Crawford, Crosby, and city staff Cheryl Skafte. More info as it develops. The following has been achieved:

- Volunteer form has been designed
- Can do's and Can't do's have been identified
- Courage Center has stepped up to offer volunteers

**Movie Theater Accessibility** – Mr Crawford reports that he has not been able to contact the Hermantown Theater on door closures and accessibility. Commission discussed experiences at local theaters. Mr. Crawford recommends Commission takes a tour.

## 9. Other Business

**Chocolate After Dark** – Ms Berner shared information regarding this fundraising event for ARC Northland to be held on 2/28 with encouragement for Commission to promote this opportunity. Proceeds are earmarked for specific programming.

**ARC MN's Legislative Event** – Ms. Terella reported she attended the event and it was very informational.

## 10. Adjourn MSC (Richardson, Berner) at 4:09 pm

Next Meeting: March 6, 2019 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle McDonald