

Duluth Commission on Disabilities
March 4, 2009

Members Present: Roberta Cich, Claire Jasper, Glenn Tredgell, Terry Mattson, Clara Borrell, Patti Nadeau, Tony Rubin, Beverly Strongitharm, Sara Junge, Bob Grytdahl

Absent: Cindi Stratioti, Joyce Blodgett, Fran McGee, Nancy Atzen

Minutes from last meeting and agenda were approved.

Signage requests: Elmer Anderson – Roberta will follow up.

Public comment: None

Correspondence:

Email from Shane Lueck. Mr. Lueck would like the Commission to work with him in creating an accessible taxi cab option for people with disabilities in the Duluth area. We will follow up on this in sub-committees.

Membership/Governance:

Bob has had a meeting with the Mayor. The Mayor does not wish to have the Human Rights Commission and the Commission on Disabilities combine. He plans to make all appointments to both Commissions by the end of the month.

Parks and Rec. report:

Patti reported that Nick Lansing will be picking up the Frisbee golf project.

Work group reports:

Since work groups have not been formed yet, there was discussion regarding the mission and goals of the Commission on Disabilities. Commissioners were asked to identify issues they feel are priorities for Duluth. After much discussion, several categories were identified. These include transportation, access, education and outreach. Several topics were identified under each category.

The Commission addressed how to best be a working commission. Commissioners were asked to identify tasks they would like to work on and determine if there was interest among other Commissioners to form a work group around these tasks..

A motion was made by Patti and seconded by Terry that the tasks of the Commission be reflective of our mission statement and our stated goals.

- The motion passed

Patti is creating an email list of people who may wish to serve on the Commission. If anyone has someone to add to the list, you must get their name to Patti within a week because appointments will be made by the end of the month.