

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

Amanda Crosby P  
Amy Burke A  
Michelle McDonald E  
Beverly Richardson P

Tom Furman P  
Roberta Cich P  
Meghan Terella P  
Laurie Berner P

Dianne Naus A

Also Present:  
Carl Crawford/DLTH Human Rights Officer  
Mark Bauer/DLTH Parking Ops Spec  
David Freed  
Kim Kakrison  
Greg Granmo

**Welcome, Roll Call, and Meeting opening at 3:04 pm**

- 1. Approval of Agenda MSC (Richardson, Terella)**
- 2. Approval of October 2019 Minutes MSC (Berner, Crosby)**
- 3. Public Comment/Information:** Chair Cich clarified that each Commission meeting has two opportunities for Public Comment during our meetings and asked kindly asked guests to use the allotted time on the Agenda for presentations or comments.
- 4. Accessible Parking Update:**
  - A. ADA Parking** *(In an effort to expedite official minutes, only a total number of zones will be included. Addresses of approved ADA Zones are public record and can be accessed electronically)*

Mr. Bauer reported the Parking Commission approved: 2 from October's Parking Commission Meeting and 9 out of 11 requests were approved from November's meeting.
  - B. Ordean Building Accessible Parking:**

Mr. Crawford shared that the Ordean project will happen next year due to other project deadlines and the push back caused by weather (rain and flooding). Mr. Bauer gave the positive reminder to the Commission of the strides that occurred due to the Commission's advocacy in this area. Also, the Commission would like to recognize Mr. Bauer, Mr. Crawford, and Commissioners Cich and Berner for their stellar efforts to increase accessibility in Duluth's streets!
- 5. Parks and Rec:** Crosby stated discussion is still taking place regarding Western Waterfront Trail and a vote will occur next month. Mr. Crawford offered to coordinate an offsite meeting for the Commission in order to learn more on Parks and Rec matters.
- 6. Old Business: N/A**
- 7. New Business:**
  - A. Set time for presentation to the City:**

Chair Cich led discussion regarding the Commission's next presentation to the City Council. The decision was made to solidify our goals and return in January to identify

options of dates to request to present to the Council – the January Commission Meeting is the Annual Meeting. Mr. Bauer agreed to participate or be in attendance of future presentation to the Council to convey collaboration efforts between the Parking and Disability Commissions.

### **B. Nominating Committee**

Secretary McDonald accepted chairing the Committee. **MSC was put forth to nominate the following Commissioners to the position of:**

**Cich (Furman, Terella) CHAIR, Berner (McDonald, Cich) Vice Chair, Terella (McDonald, Berner) SECRETARY.**

**In conclusion, MSC (Furman, Crosby) To accept the slate of Officer nominations with the understanding nominations can occur from the floor or as write in.**

### **8. Current Disability Issues:**

**A. Event Accessible Parking:** Chair Cich shared that she communicated with Dan Hartman @ Glensheen and thanked him for the efforts of accessible parking during the Christmas Village event. Mr. Hartman agreed to communicate to event creator, Duluth Loves Local, requesting creator and vendors to be mindful of accessibility during future events.

### **B. Snow Removal Task Force – N/A**

Additional conversation included: Commissioner Richardson wanted to address the lack of snow removal at her residence (Lennox). Richardson was forwarded the hotline telephone number for city snow removal.

### **Other Business/Announcements/Public Comment:**

**Other Business/Announcements:** Mr. Crawford warned of the latest scams taking place locally. Discussion included scammers impersonating the IRS and local law enforcement. One individual went as far as pulling someone over near Lake Superior College.

**A. Public Comment:** guest David Freed shared his concern that his eye glass shop/business does not have push buttons for auto doors. Chair Cich shared the law and how although the eye glass shop is not failing to meet basic ADA requirements in their shop entry, the Commission advised David to talk to them and share his concerns.

### **9. Adjourn – MS/C (Terella, Berner) at 4:21 pm**

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle McDonald