

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Commission on Disabilities  
Wednesday  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
3:00 pm Room 303 City Hall

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

Welcome, roll call, and mtg. open at 3:07

1. Agenda Approval (MSC - Burke, McDonald)
2. SEP 2019 and JAN 2020 mtg. minutes approval: Tabled. (MSC - McDonald, Crosby)
3. Public Comment/Information: Guest Smingler presented Guthrie Theatre partnership in order to provide audio visual accommodation equipment for Movies in the Park events. Mr. Bauer will introduce Chair Cich to Darlene Marshall with Greater Downtown Council. Chair Cich will present information to Marshall.
4. Accessible Parking Update:  
Mr. Bauer reported the Parking Commission approved 1 application last month and is assessing the requests of 2 accessible parking spots currently.
5. Parks and Rec: Crosby reported no updates.
6. Old Business:  
City Council presentation: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Presentation outline is as follows:  
Introduction by Chair Cich, Mr. Bauer to focus on importance of successful collaboration with parking commission, Crosby to provide information on Parks and Recreation collaboration, Furman to educate Council on event checklist and summary of how the Commission plans to move forward. Additional time will be allotted to discuss presentation further in coming months. Portion of the 15-minute time will be reserved for questions. Council Members will receive packet including people first language, the Commission's visions, accomplishments, and

event checklist. Secretary Terella suggested inclusion of short introduction on Commission members.

Updated Bylaws: Discussion of specific changes included in amendment proposed by Councilmember Cypress and the language used. Adjustments include reduction in total required membership from 17 to 9 Commission Members as well as an aim to ensure 50% of membership be comprised of people who identify as having a disability. Bylaws will be adjusted to reflect proposed amendment and submitted to the City Council for final approval. Further inquiry re: implementation of changes to follow. (MSC - McDonald, Crosby).

Commission Membership Terms: Mr. Crawford shared that 3 Commission Member's terms (Burke, McDonald, Richardson) end April 2020 and that there are Commission Membership applications laying in wait.

7. New Business:

8. Current Disability Issues: Tabled  
Snow Removal Assistance Project  
2020 ADA Celebration  
Winter Bike/Pedestrian Accessibility Initiative

9. Other Business/Announcements:

Memory Café - Guest Smingler informed the Commission that Memory Café meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3:00. The event offers hands-on programming, guided exhibit exploration, and a variety of themes for people with early to mid-set dementia. It is coordinated by Great Lakes Aquarium, Dementia Friendly Duluth, and Age Well Arrowhead. Interested parties are to register with Kim at Age Well Arrowhead.

Tactile Aquarium Tours – Great Lakes Aquarium's Smingler and Commission guest stated that in partnership with Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss 3 tours on different topics will be offered, starting November 9<sup>th</sup>.

10. Adjourn – MSC (Naus, Crosby) at 4:07 pm  
Respectfully submitted by: Meghan Terella