

City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2014

Melissa Booth	E	Beverly Richardson	P
Amy Burke	P	Ann Roscoe	P
Amanda Crosby	P	Gerald Salveson	P
Erica Erickson	P	Beverly Strongitharm	E
Amy Hill	A	Derek Uttley	P
Amber Madoll	P	Randall Vogt	P
Michelle McDonald	P	Beth Wilde	P
Becky Perrett	P	Bob Grytdahl – Staff	P

1. Roll Call & Introduction

2. Approval of September Minutes & Current Agenda

- September minutes: motion to approve by Michelle, second by Beth
- Changes to agenda: under Action and Advocacy reports add items for Transportation Committee, Olmstead Plan, Service Animals
- Motion to approve agenda with changes by Ann, second by Michelle

3. Current Disability Issues

- Discussion Lakewalk Taskforce; City Council may ask for input from the Commission regarding expansion of the Lakewalk
- Bob was asked to consult on the Minnesota Olmstead Academy, will report back to Commission with updates and information

4. Signage Requests

- New Requests:
 - 4712 W. 6th St: Gerald and Beth
 - 316 N. 76th Ave W. : Amanda
 - 603 N. 60th Ave W.: Amanda
 - 5920 Raleigh St.: Gerald and Beth

5. Action & Advocacy Reports

- a. Parks & Recreation – Amanda Crosby provided a report on the September meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission. The proposed dog park at Observation Hill is not and will not be accessible according to current plans. She will discuss this with the Parks Commission next month, as there was not time during the September meeting to have an in-depth discussion of the issue.

- b. Homeless Bill of Rights – No updates this month.
 - c. Transportation Committee – No updates this month. Gerald mentioned that PDC is working on doing a bus pass giveaway and is looking to partner with other organizations to help process applications and determine eligibility.
 - d. Olmstead Plan Update –The state needs an integrative plan for all areas of life to make sure individuals are in the least restrictive environment possible. The plan the state proposed in September was rejected by the Court, as the plan needs more work, specifically regarding housing issues and the segregation of people with disabilities.
 - e. Service Animals – No further action at this time.
6. St. Louis County Health & Human Services Conference
The Conference is October 9-10, 2014. Commission members may sign up for time slots to be present at our table by emailing Bob or by signing up on the sheet that was passed around at the meeting.
7. Public Comment - None
8. Other Business
-Gerald stated that he is going to look at the new lower level of the Greysolon building as a representative of PDC after today’s meeting. There are concerns that some of the tenants believe some of the changes may violate the ADA.
-The Commission agreed that the November agenda will focus on strategic planning, including the ongoing issues of snow removal, accessible parking (keeping parking areas and paths to the buildings shoveled down to the pavement), housing, and transportation.
-Derek mentioned that the College of St. Scholastica is remodeling their library to be more accessible and that CSS is looking for input on this project.
9. Announcements - None
10. Adjourn
-Motion by Michelle McDonald, Second by Derek Uttley.

The next Commission on Disabilities meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at 3:00pm at City Hall, room 303.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica M. Erickson
Chair