

City of Duluth  
Commission on Disabilities  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2013

Melissa Booth	P	Amber Madoll	P
Clara Borrell	A	Francis McGee	A
Roberta Cich	P	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erica Erickson	E	Karin Swor	E
Sister Mary Carla Flood	E	Randall Vogt	P
Derek Uttley	A	Ray Kleveter	P
Gerald Salveson	A	Bob Grytdahl - Staff	P

Jolene Allison, guest, was also present.

Roll Call

1. Approval of December Minutes/Current Agenda

*A quorum was not present to vote on approval of minutes/agenda*

2. Action and Advocacy Reports

- a. Taxi Task Force - Chris Becker from Cummings Mobility was present to share information about taxi conversions. She provided a handout, with information that can be accessed at [www.cummingsmobility.com](http://www.cummingsmobility.com)

The Taxi Task Force has been researching ways to run accessible taxi service. Some success has been used in cities where non-profits are able to run the taxi service. Grants are used to pay for conversion. City ordinances require accessibility. St. Cloud Metro has done a lot with accessibility, but there are still problems with bariatric chairs. Taxis can hold more weight that buses aren't able to support in their chair lifts.

The next Taxi Task Force meeting is scheduled tentatively for January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenery in the Holiday Center.

- b. Accessibility Code - Bob Grytdahl is going to set up a meeting with the building official.
- c. Parks and Recreation - Erica was not present to give a report.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Other Business

Recruitment to fill open positions on the Commission -- Who do we need to recruit?:

According to our Bylaws, the Commission should be comprised of: 51% members should be

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disabled; 1/3 members should be providers; 1/3 members should be users of services. Suggestions for recruitment included a representative from MN Power and college disability groups. Appointments are made in March. Interested applicants should apply as soon as possible by going online to the City of Duluth website at [http://www.duluthmn.gov/clerk/boards\\_commissions/index.cfm](http://www.duluthmn.gov/clerk/boards_commissions/index.cfm) or stop in the City Clerk's office for an application.

Citizens may go on the City's website and subscribe to the Commission minutes if they are interested in being notified when Commission minutes have been published online.

5. Announcements

People with Disabilities for Change is holding their 20<sup>th</sup> year celebration on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Clyde Event Center. The public is invited to come and have refreshments and treats, and visit with people and organizations that support people with disabilities.

The Commission discussed having a table at the event to distribute information about the commission and other disability issues. Amber Madoll volunteered to person the table. Some information we will provide include commission applications, information about fair housing, and person first language.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Booth  
Secretary

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