

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Commission on Disabilities
Wednesday
June 5, 2019
3:00 pm Room 303 City Hall

Ann Roscoe P
Amy Burke P
Michelle McDonald P
Beverly Richardson P

Amanda Crosby P
Roberta Cich E
Meghan Terella P
Laurie Berner P

Tom Furman P
Dianne Naus E
Jessica Cook

Guests:
Mark Bauer
Carl Crawford
Tara Wilson
Jordon Olson
Samantha Smigler
Joe Pascale
Karen Herman

Welcome, Roll Call, and Meeting opening at _____pm

***** Secretary arrived at 3:09pm and does not have Minutes from Agenda Items #1 to #3**

Commissioner Terella recorded Minutes for those items.

- 1. Approval of Agenda MSC _____**
- 2. Approval of May 2019 Meeting Minutes MSC _____**
- 3. Public Comment/Information: _____**

4. Accessible Parking Update: Mr. Bauer and Mr. Crawford

Mr. Crawford shared his conversation with Jim Benning/Duluth Public Works on the Ordean Building parking accessibility.

Mr. Bauer fielded questions from the Commission on ADA and other clarifications regarding the Phase I Reconstruction and Ordean Building. Mr. Bauer asked the Commission for suggestions on increasing accessibility to Phase II Reconstruction.

5. Parks and Rec

Ms. Crosby reported a decision will be made in July regarding Mud Lake Cosway, a part of the Western Waterfront Trails. Public comment is available through the Parks and Rec Commission.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business

Employment Conference: Ms. Crosby and Mr. Crawford

The City of Duluth is planning a conference to raise awareness for hiring and employing individuals with disabilities along with accessibility and ADA as it relates to accommodations. Sub Committee formed and includes: Ms. Crosby, Sonia Vinnes, Bruce Bock, and other employment specialists.

Current info includes: Event is August 21, 10a to 3pm Aad Shrine Event Center/Hermantown. Target audience is Employers and HR Professionals.

8. Current Disability Issues

ADA Anniversary: Ms. Roscoe presented info the Hamline University event celebrating the 29th Anniversary of the signing of the ADA. Ms. Roscoe **motioned for the Commission to co-sponsor the event MSC (Roscoe, Richardson)** Event is July 26th from 1p-4pm at Hamline Univ.

Ms. Crosby announced that Access North will celebrate the 29th Anniversary of the signing of the ADA on August 2nd from 1p-4pm – location is still being determined – watch for more info.

MSC (Terella, Berner) The Commission will recognize an area business or employer who exemplifies the ADA. Commission will start an email thread on potential employers and business – Commission will share their ideas and make decision prior to event.

DTA – update on PCA Policy – Mr. Crawford spoke on the issue and shared that Ms. Cich attended a recent Stride Advisory Board Meeting and the DTA is changing the name to “ADA Advisory Committee”. Mr. Crawford stated that clarification was shared on the DTA’s policy on Personal Care Attendants (PCA) riding for free still exists and more education to drivers is needed. The confusion on the DTA website regarding ADA has been updated and corrected.

DTA Lakefront Route – Ms. Berner reported the DTA has created a bus stop near the Great Lake Aquarium. This is a temporary stop that will last 180 days and will start in August.

9. Other Business and Announcements:

Coffee and Conversation: What Does “up to code” Mean to You? – Mr. Crawford shared info regarding this event sponsored by the city and moderated by Allysa Hanson on 9/18 at 9am in the Norshor Theater.

Reminder: No Commission Meeting in July

“I’m a Tourist Too!” – This annual training for employees working in the hospitality field was held at the DECC in May. Over 600 employees from around the Duluth area took part – Ms. Cich presented on Disability Etiquette and Person First Language.

10. Adjourn – MSC (Berner, Roscoe) at 3:55pm