

June 1, 2022 - meeting notes

There was not a quorum present for the June 1, 2022 Commission on Disabilities meeting, so those present had an informal meeting.

Note - There will be no July Commission meeting

Commissioners present: Laurie Berner, Roberta Cich, Amanda Crosby, Dianne Naus

Also present: Carl Crawford, Mark Bauer

Accessible Parking: The official Accessible Parking report will be presented at the August Commission meeting. Officer Bauer talked to the group about the movie currently being filmed in Downtown Duluth and the needs of the production crew. The City is firm on the policy of ensuring that production crews do not use ADA parking spots. This will be the case for future filming and projects as well.

Parks and Rec: Commissioner Crosby let the group know that the Parks and Rec Commission will be voting on the Hawk Ridge project. The Essential Spaces Master Plan is currently being reviewed and is still open for public comment. Commissioner Crosby will provide more information at the August Commission meeting.

Snow Removal Task Force: The group talked about some ways to continue the Snow Removal Assistance Program next year when there will not be an AmeriCorps volunteer. This task force will meet before the August Commission meeting.

Other:

The group discussed the possibility of holding Commission meetings at different community locations to increase visibility and interest in the Commission.

The group also discussed the problems associated with returning to in-person meetings. Having a quorum present has been a problem for several City Commissions. Commissioner Cich will draft a letter to the State asking about legal options under open meeting law. Group members will help with the letter.

Accessible Adventures Await - Minnesota has More to Explore! The 32nd Annual ADA Celebration will be virtual again this year. It will be held on July 26th from 12:00 until 1:30. Anyone interested can register online at celebrateadamn.com.