



Commission on Disabilities  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**  
**City Hall Room 430**

**Commissioners Present:** Ashlie Castaldo, Chair; Brooke Marinan, Vice Chair; Christina Johnson, Secretary; Marie Anderson; Allison Fochs; Michaela Mullin; Amanda Paszak

**Commissioners Absent:** Michelle McDonald; Jill Isola Johnson

**Guests Present:** Marsha Lue, City of Duluth; Gina Pudlick-Hendricks, UMD Commission on Disabilities

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Chair Castaldo called the **5/7/25** Commission on Disabilities meeting to order at 3:35pm.

**Approval of the May 2025 agenda** (Castaldo, Johnson)

**Approval of March 2025 minutes** (Marinan, Anderson)

**Current Disability Issues and Announcements**

- Kelli L is putting together a visual representation of crosswalk updates and drafted posts for public education. Will be emailed to COD soon.
- Community member called Marsha's office - finding accessible AND affordable housing in Duluth is difficult.
- City is working to improve website accessibility.
- Marsha attending ADA conference and sessions/workshops - National ADA Conference
- Public Juneteenth event on the 19th - 3-7pm. Marsha is offering tabling opportunity at the event for COD. Chair Castaldo will connect with Marsha.
- UMD Commission Gina (guest) discussed their group. Meets monthly, complete 'accessibility scans' and 'access walk' on campus inside and outside to identify areas of improvement
- ADA Celebration in Superior end of June. Michaela to confirm date.

**Accessible Parking Update**

- No pending parking zone requests.

**Parks and Rec Report**

- No updates. Parks & Rec Commission had funding demonstration most recently.

**Crosswalk Discussion**

- City requested Lighthouse to send a grid of crosswalks most used. Anything within a six block radius of Lighthouse is important. Exec Board to provide City with a guideline request and consistent plan for the future. Can we have something out by July 4? Some signs installed by then? COD follow up to gain clarity in timeline and action.

### **New Business**

- Vibrant Street - Andrea was unable to attend COD meeting. Chair Ashlie to invite Vibrant Street to a future COD meeting. Ashlie spoke with them about ebikes and accessibility/walkability work together.

### **Old Business**

- Essentia Superior Street entrance is not open, but that's a primary bus stop. First Street is too steep. Is there a plan or timeline to open that Superior Street entrance? Many buses stop by Superior Street.

### **Public Comment**

- Upcoming events:
  - November 6 Dine in the Dark - Clyde Iron
  - Lighthouse working with group homes or elderly folks feeling isolated - providing activities for individual engagement and socializing, gaming, crafting, cooking
  - RSI social event "Sidewalk Talks" topics of isolation and forming relationships. Different topics monthly
  - Marsha to distribute upcoming events to COD and beyond
- Recurring problem seeing drivers using accessible parking placards to park in loading zones. Recurring problem seeing food delivery drivers park in accessible spots to deliver food.

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 4:26pm.

### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
City Hall Room 430

The public is invited to submit written comment prior to the meeting by [humanrights@duluthmn.gov](mailto:humanrights@duluthmn.gov) or mailing comments to 411 W 1st St, City Hall, Duluth, MN 55802. Please note that all public comment is considered Public Data.