

**CITY OF DULUTH COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING: April 1, 2009**

**Present:**           Roberta Cich, Chair                               Bob Grytdahl, City HR Officer  
                  Cindy Stratioti, Secretary                 Lars Kuehnow  
                  Karin Swor   Glenn Tridgell  
                  Clara Borrell                                    Sara Junge  
                  Patti Nadeau                                  Beverly Strongitharm  
                  Tony Rubin                                     Durbin Keeney  
                  Randy Vogt                                    Claire Jasper  
                  Joyce Blodgett                               Fran McGee  
                  Melissa Booth  
Guest: Sarah Romagnoli

1. **Roll Call** – Introductions. New Commissioners were introduced. Roberta presented Joyce Blodgett with a certificate in recognition of Joyce’s many years of service to the Commission on Disabilities and to the citizens of Duluth. (Today is Joyce’s final Commission meeting).
2. **Approval of Agenda and Review of Minutes** - Bev Strongitharm moved; Lars Kuehnow seconded to approve agenda. Motion carries. Tony Rubin moved; Clara Borrell seconded to approve minutes of March 4, 2009 meeting. Motion carries.
3. **Signage** – Roberta explained signage procedure to new members. Roberta talked about the signage request discussed last meeting and her follow up with Goman. Discussion held. *Durbin Keeney moved for OK of accessible parking for employees at E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Lake Avenue (request of Customer Link). Bev Strongitharm seconded. Motion carries.* Tony Rubin suggests work group follow up on the City vs. State issue.
4. **Correspondence** – Tony shared information on correspondence received.
5. **Parks and Rec** – Annual meeting will be held April 15 at 4 p.m., Central Hillside Community Center.
6. **Taxi** – Roberta has been unable to contact taxi companies. She suggests writing a letter to taxi companies to consider providing accessible van.
7. **Outreach** – Clara Borrell reported on fund raising walks and resources available. She indicated she is aware of a (graphic artist) volunteer who will update the Commission for Disabilities brochure.
8. **Recruitment** – New members noted.
9. **Emergency Preparedness** – Sara Junge reported on research obtained to date. Focus is on the individual making his/her own plan.
10. **Guest Report** – Sarah Romagnoli reported on her position in State WorkForce Development. Her job is to help people navigate through services, to connect citizens to resources, and to be sure people are treated universally. She would appreciate feedback on how the Workforce Development Center is doing.

**11. Trails** – Randy Vogt asked Commissioners to look at trail information distributed. Next meeting Commissioners will determine if further action should be taken such as a letter of support.

**12. Work Groups to Consent Agenda: Health and Human Service, Parking – City/State issue; E-Mail; Emergency Prep**

**Further action determined by consensus vote:**

- **Commission will participate in County Health and Human Service Conference.** A more extensive outline/overview will be discussed next meeting.
- **Parking – City/State issue – Roberta will contact Goman to be sure City procedure mirrors State statute.**
- **E-Mail – Subcommittee recommends using G-mail and Facebook as service to disseminate information. Tony Rubin will approach City Attorney to check on the feasibility of using new media.**
- **Emergency Prep – Contacts will be made with County Commissioner Steve O’Neil and others for more information.**

**Moved and seconded to accept Consent Agenda. Motion carries.**

Motion to Adjourn: Sara Junge moved; Cindy Stratioti seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

**Next Meeting: May 6, 2009**