

City of Duluth  
Commission on Disabilities  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday June 3, 2009

Meeting start time: 3:04 p.m.

Melissa Booth	P	Francis McGee	A
Clara Borrell	P	Patti Nadeau	P
Debra Burmeister	E	Tony Rubin	P
Roberta Cich	P	Cindy Stratioti	A
Claire Jasper	E	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Sara Junge	P	Karin Swor	P
Durbin Keeney	P	Glenn Tridgell	P
Lars Kuehnow	P	Randall Vogt	P
Terry Mattson	E	Bob Grytdahl--Staff	P

1. Agenda Approval and Review of Minutes

Commissioners moved to add the additional items to the agenda:

Parking at Kmart in W. Duluth  
2<sup>nd</sup> St. parking signage in front of City Hall

*Durbin moved to add items to the agenda; Bev second. Motion approved.*

No corrections to May minutes; stand as presented.

2. Signage Request—Rene Howell 823 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

Fran was not present to give her report. Sara surveyed the property informally without speaking to the resident. Discussion followed.

**Action:** Table the request until next meeting to get additional information from Fran's report. Clara to follow-up with Fran on her report.

3. Public Comment/Announcements

June 13 event at the capitol shared by Durbin. Recognition event for Vietnam vets. MACV will have a bus going to the capitol for interested veterans, but it is not w/c accessible. Contact Durbin for more information.

October 12 Duluth Mentoring Day. This will be a large event focusing on transition age adults with disabilities to connect with employers. This is a national event celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the kick-off is to be here in Duluth. Roberta will share more information as it becomes available.

This Saturday is National Trail Day. Randall and company will be at Hartley Field at 10:00 a.m.

Reminder to Commissioners: Please remember if advocating on behalf of the commission when out in the community, be sure that you have been given the appropriate approval by the commission first.

Roberta shared that Terry Matson is resigning from the Commission due to health reasons. We wish him the best.

**Action:** Bob to look into whether Terry's resignation opens up another spot for a new commissioner.

## 6. Correspondence

Letter from People with Disabilities for Change regarding the accessibility of the Irving Community Club.

**Action:** Bob to invite Terry Groshong (city architect) to our next meeting to provide feedback regarding this issue and give a report on current and future city building plans and assessments. Tony asked that Terry provide an email summary of his responses prior to that meeting. Clara volunteered to respond to PWDC on the commission action regarding their letter.

## 2. Parks and Recreation Report

Carry-over from correspondence regarding accessible toilets in public spaces.

**Action:** Patti will bring up the inquiry at the next Park and Recreation meeting.

Language to support Duluth Healthy Loop Trails reads as follows:  
"The Duluth Commission on Disability supports Wheels on Trails pursuit of grant funding for developing the proposed Universal Loop Trails"

*Tony made a motion to adopt this endorsement; Sara second. Motion approved.*

## 5. Work Group Action Reports

Health and Human Services Conference: The group has sent in the presentation title and presenter contact information. Official dates are October 5 and 6. Deadline for booth proposal is July 31.

**Action:** Clara to contact Sara R. to collaborate on a booth. It will cost \$175 or half that amount if the commission shares with Sara R. and the Workforce Center.

Parking Ordinance: Waiting on City Attorney approval on long-term parking ordinance; whether the city will change language to comply with state law passed last August. Currently, the 2-hour limit in the city on accessible parking spots and meters is in question.

Outreach: No report.

**Action:** Tony to give report on contact with city's MIS department next meeting.

Emergency Preparedness: No new information to share. Sara's intent is take what information has been gathered and have it available for distribution at community outreach events, educational booths, etc.

2. Work group action requests for consent agenda: None

3. Other business

West Duluth Kmart: Bob has been working with Kmart to address multiple issues of accessibility on their property.

2<sup>nd</sup> St. parking signage in front of city hall: Current signage and painting for the parking space is unclear outlining which spaces are designated as accessible.

**Action:** Roberta and Bob to speak to Steve Goman about the signage.

Friendly reminder from Roberta to use person-first language when talking about disability.

Commissioners agreed to have a regular meeting in July.

Next month agenda items:

- City architect report, follow-up and decision on signage request, feedback on parking ordinance and action reports not reported on this month.

*Durbin moved to adjourn the meeting; Glenn second. Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.*

Minutes Submitted by: Sara Junge, Secretary