

City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2013

Melissa Booth	P	Francis McGee	A
Roberta Cich	A	Gerald Salveson	P
Amanda Crosby	P	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erica Erickson	E	Karin Swor	P
Amy Hill	P	Derek Uttley	E
Amber Madoll	E	Randall Vogt	E
Michelle McDonald	P	Bob Grytdahl-Staff	P

Roll Call- All members present gave a brief overview of advocacy work they have been working on over the past month.

1. Approval of April Minutes & Current Agenda

Michelle McDonald, Amanda Crosby, and Amy Hill's names were omitted from last month's attendance. All three were present. Other corrections, Beverly Strongitharm was present at the May meeting, and Francis McGee was absent.

May minutes approved as amended, current agenda approved as written.

2. Signage Requests -

a. 513 Spear Avenue - Erica Erickson was not present to give a report. Bob Grytdahl will follow up with Erica.

3. Discussion with City Building Official - The building official was unable to attend due to a conflict in schedule. He'll put our meeting on a recurrent calendar and attend when he is free during our meeting time.

4. Action and Advocacy Reports

a. Taxi Task Force - There were no new reports.

b. Accessibility Code - Bob Grytdahl is working on a protocol to discuss with the building official.

Bob attended the National ADA symposium in San Antonio recently. He hoped to find out what other cities are doing when there are ADA complaints, so that when we get complaints we can be a resource and make referrals. He will email commissioners a link to the symposium website.

The Great Lakes ADA Center has a website www.adagreatlakes.org which serves as a good resource for ADA questions. The Great Lakes ADA Center can also be reached by phone at (800) 949-4232 (V/TTY). A real person will answer the phone.

c. Parks and Recreation - Erica was not present to give a report. Commissioners discussed

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the accessible swing at Merritt School. A ramp was built to access the swing. The Commission inquired as to when the bathroom to the Pavilion at Enger Tower will be finished.

5. St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference (Oct. 17-18).
We discussed having an informational table at the conference and the need to get our registration in soon. The accessibility code was mentioned again as a possibility for a presentation.
6. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
7. Other Business
 - a. *Gerald Salveson moved to cancel the July meeting. Michelle McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*
 - b. Karin Swor will write her letter regarding limited accessible parking spaces to the nursing home next week.
 - c. Gerald Salveson suggested inviting an ADA specialist to a commission meeting for a question and answer session. Bob will try to schedule something for the August meeting.
8. Announcements
 - a. Karin Swor shared that on July 20th there will be a reunion gathering for honor flight attendees. Gerry will be singing at the event with his group "The Downbeats."

Beverly Strongitharm motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michelle McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Booth
Secretary

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