

City of Duluth  
Commission on Disabilities  
Monthly Meeting  
June 6, 2012

Melissa Booth	P	Amber Madoll	P
Clara Borrell	A	Francis McGee	E
Roberta Cich	E	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erica Erickson	E	Karin Swor	E
Sister Mary Carla Flood	P	Randall Vogt	P
Lindsey Harkreader	P	Derek Uttley	P
Sara Junge	P	Gerald Salveson	A
Ray Kleveter	P	Bob Grytdahl -Staff	E
Lars Kuehnow	P		

Roll Call

1. Approval of May Minutes/Current Agenda

Changes to May: Sara's last name is spelled incorrectly. The word "ARC" should be spelled "Arc." *Minutes approved as amended. Agenda approved as written.*

2. Correspondence

No new correspondence.

3. Signage Requests

- a. Brian S. Johnson - 1020 1/2 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street - Erica still had not been able to reach the resident directly. Hard to justify more signage as it already exists on the avenue/street, and the resident has an off street parking spot with accessible signage. Erica Erickson's recommendation is to agree with the city assessment to deny the request for signage.
- b. Prince of Peace Fellowship Church - 1830 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street - This is a business requesting signage, and we are unclear at this time about our role in evaluating signage for a business. It was decided this request should go back to Engineering as such and the Commission will pursue future discussion with Steve Goman about editing the guidelines for reviewing all signage requests.
- c. Olimpis Kaduszkiewics - 2223 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street - Melissa Booth will visit this residence.
- d. William Krueger - 919 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street - Ray Kleveter will visit this residence.

Sara Junge proposed starting a workgroup to review/revise the process for evaluating signage requests. She will head the group. If anyone is interested in working with Sara on this issue, contact her directly.

4. Action and Advocacy Reports

- a. Voter letter revision - Amber Madoll hasn't been able to revise it yet. Amber provided the Commission with a copy of an article that talks about the ACLU filing a

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- lawsuit in the Minnesota Supreme Court to challenge the voter ID amendment on the basis that it's misleading to voters. She recommends that the Commission consult with Diane Naus of the Disability Law Center to see what other groups have plans to do before we publish the letter from the commission. Amber will bring the revised letter to the next meeting.
- b. Taxi Task Force - Shane, Lars Kuehnow, and Bob Grytdahl met with Mayor Ness. The Mayor recommends that we contact Sharla Gardner from the city council to work with as a liaison. They are meeting at Arc tomorrow (Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>).
  - c. Health and Human Services Conference – the proposal for the breakout session will be a transportation round table discussion.
  - d. Parks & Recreation- Erica was not present to give a report.
5. Meeting Time Change – Discussion deferred until August.
  6. July Meeting Date - There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  7. Public Comment
    - a. Lars Kuehnow discussed service animals and building managers requiring pet deposits for service animals, including HRA properties. Bob Grytdahl sent information on how to file a complaint with HUD. Discussion on the subject included looking at having a city ordinance to regulate requiring deposits for service animals. There is a state statute that regulates service animals, but enforcement has been an issue.
    - b. Lindsey Harkreader talked about the TV show, America's Got Talent, and a contestant on the show who feigned a brain injury in order to further themselves on the show.
  8. Other Business – There was no other business.
  9. Announcements
    - a. Sister Mary Carla announced the Light House for the Blind annual fund-raiser, to be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Depot. There will be a silent auction, food, wine, beer sampling, a live local band, "The Taste of Summer." Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. You can also get more information at the website for the Duluth Lighthouse for the Blind.
    - b. Randy Vogt announced the Great American Camp out on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Indian Point Campground on the Munger Trail.
    - c. Lars Kuehnow announced that Arc is having its first annual disability film festival. Films are made by people with disabilities. The event takes place on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Zinema. There will also be film making workshops. Prices haven't been set but they are trying to keep admission to a nominal fee.
    - d. Derek Uttley announced the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans event on August 23-24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a standout event with a tribute concert to follow. Contact MAC-V

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for more information.

Next meeting Wednesday, August 1

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Booth  
Secretary

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