

City of Duluth
Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting
September 5, 2012

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Lindsey Harkreader	E	Derek Uttley	A
Sara Junge	P	Gerald Salveson	P
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Lars Kuehnow	A		

1. Approval of August Minutes/Current Agenda

August minutes and current agenda approved as written.

2. Correspondence

Bob received a phone call from a resident who got an alternate side parking ticket who had to run in a building quick when there were no other parking spots available.

3. Signage Requests

- a. Patrick Rix – 1536 N. 8th Ave. E. – Sara Junge visited this residence. Erica Erickson volunteered to visit with the resident to get more information before a final decision is made.
- b. Charlene and Scott Klund, Sr.- 2116 W. 3rd St. #A. -- Gerald Salveson volunteered to visit this residence.

Sara Junge submitted the suggested changes to the accessible parking request application form and wording on the city website to Steve Goman.

The following bullet points outline the commission's process regarding completing signage requests as was previously discussed in the August meeting.

Commissioner role in signage requests:

- Signage request is received and assigned to commissioner.
- Commissioner reviews all information on evaluation form, alternate side parking rules, etc. and seeks any further information as appropriate. To consider, can we educate and brainstorm ideas with the resident so that their off-street parking can be more accessible to them?
- Commissioner brings review back to meeting within one month for discussion and final recommendation.
- In the case that the review cannot be put to the entire commission for approval, the reviewing commissioner may recommend approval or denial based on their assessment and discuss their recommendations with the executive committee.”

4. Action and Advocacy Reports

- a. City Council Chamber-wheel chair seating access – Bob Grytdahl shared information about the Minnesota State Accessibility Code, Chapter 1341. The code describes

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protocol for when someone calls up and says something is in violation of the ADA. Bob called Tari Rayala, the City Architect, to discuss space that is required for wheel chairs as identified in the Minnesota State Accessibility Code. The size of the Council Chambers requires space for one wheel chair.

- b. Voter letter revision – Amber Madoll sent the final draft to Erica Erickson who will submit the letter to the Duluth News Tribune.
 - c. Health and Human Services Conference – The Commission’s topic for the conference is the Taxi Task Force. Bob Grtydah will co-host with Amber Madoll. We are having a table, shared with the Human Rights Commission, and need people to help staff the table.
 - d. Taxi Task Force - Jim Heilig from the Duluth Transit Authority has been helpful and providing a lot of information to the task force. The Task Force is putting together a report with historical information, regulation, lawsuits, and creating surveys to go nursing homes, and the Housing Redevelopment Authority. The Task Force plans to conduct one-on-one interviews with taxi companies. There is only one vehicle repair company in town willing to service accessible vans. The Task Force hopes to have a survey for people to fill out at the Human Service conference.
 - e. Parks and Recreation - There were no new updates.
 - f. Other - None.
5. Public Comment - 09/13/12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Rotunda - Voter ID amendment press conference
- Organizational Apprentice Project-public rally in opposition of the voter ID amendment.
Minnesota DHS wants to present their argument in opposition of the voter ID amendment.
6. Other Business – Sister Mary Carla Flood is doing research with Phoenix Dial-A-Ride and trying to get information on fares. She emailed a copy of their policies to Bob.
- Stride is trying to serve 3-6 spontaneous rides a day. The number of spontaneous rides depends on how busy they are on that day.
- Erica Erickson made the suggestion to write to the Duluth News Tribune’s “Eh” column about the origin of the word “handicap.”
7. Announcements – Sister Mary Carla will be giving a presentation at the Human Service Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Booth
Secretary

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