

City of Duluth  
Commission on Disabilities  
Monthly Meeting  
December 1, 2010

Melissa Booth	P	Francis McGee	P
Clara Borrell	A	Patti Nadeau	P
Debra Burmeister	A	Tony Rubin	P
Roberta Cich	P	Beverly Strongitharm	P
Erika Erickson	P	Karin Swor	P
Lindsey Harkreader	P	Glenn Tridgell	P
Sara Junge	P	Randall Vogt	E
Durbin Keeney	E	Galen White	E
Lars Kuehnw	P	Bob Grytdahl—staff	P

1. November Minutes & December agenda  
November minutes approved as written. December agenda approved.
2. Signage Requests  
No signage requests today. We discussed removing this item from the agenda unless we have an actual request to review.
3. Action reports:
  - A. Snow removal task force: Moving forward with two parts: 1) launching a media campaign with the slogan “Duluth Digs” to raise awareness of the importance of clearing sidewalks. 2) identify volunteers to help those who can’t clear their walk.
  - B. Kristin Ridgewell, Irving Park Project: She is the Executive Director of Spirit Valley Neighborhood Development Association. She wrote a Community Block Grant for the Irving Neighborhood Community Club and property. The Park plan was shared and discussed challenges and limitations. Multiple groups are involved in using the property. Plans need approval by the Parks & Recreation Commission and then the City Council. Kristin would like a letter of support from the Commission in pursuing plan approval and grant funding. Roberta to coordinate a site visit with Kristin.
  - C. Parks and Recreation: Master plan is completed. The plan will eventually include a trail plan which will go through a similar process.
  - D. Accessible Tourism report: No members present to give report.
  - E. DECC/Denfeld auditoriums: No meeting set-up yet to discuss.
4. Public Comment – No public comment.
5. Elevator speech reviewed and available as a resource for Commissioners. Contact Sara if you would like your own copy emailed to you.

6. City training – Being pursued with Cindy Tarshish and Margot Cross. Both have expressed interest in participating. Bob notes he needs to contact a few more individuals before moving forward with a date. The format will be informal so to encourage question and answer conversation.
7. Other Business – None.
8. January meeting – We will discuss nominations for elections. Lars Kuehnow recommended re-establishing a nominating committee and volunteered to coordinate this along with Glenn Tridgell and Erica Erickson. They will discuss committee roles, approach individuals about nominations, and the feasibility of having the position of past-chair to assist with transition.
9. Announcements:  
13th Annual Citizens in Action 2011 Workshop – Saturday, January 29, 2011  
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
835 West College Street

Next commission meeting will take place January 5, 2011. Room 303 City Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Junge  
Commission Secretary

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