

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Commission on Disabilities
Wednesday
January 8, 2020
3:00 pm Room 303 City Hall

Amanda Crosby P
Amy Burke P
Michelle McDonald P
Beverly Richardson P

Tom Furman P
Roberta Cich P
Meghan Terella P
Laurie Berner P

Dianne Naus P

Also Present:

Carl Crawford/DLTH Human Rights Officer
Mark Bauer/DLTH Parking Ops Spec
Joe Pascale

Welcome, Roll Call, and Meeting opening at 3:04 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda MSC (Furman, Berner)**
2. **Approval of November 2019 Minutes MSC (Berner, Naus)**
3. **Public Comment/Information: n/a**
4. **Accessible Parking Update:**
 - A. **ADA Parking** *(In an effort to expedite official minutes, only a total number of zones will be included. Addresses of approved ADA Zones are public record and can be accessed electronically)*
Mr. Bauer reported the Parking Commission approved: 1 location in Dec and 1 location in January.
5. **Parks and Rec:** Crosby stated 2020 will start the construction on St. Louis County Western Waterfront Trail projects – a new name for the park area has been decided – more info to follow.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Elections of Officers** – With no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers put forth during the November 2019 meeting stands with an all in favor vote, no abstentions.
 - B. **Approval of revised Event Checklist** – Chair Cich discussed the revisions and reduction of 5 pages to 3. The purpose is to allow the checklist to be incorporated in to the city of Duluth's permitting office. **MSC (Furman, Burke) to accept Access Checklist for Special Events.** Motion discussion from Berner included questions on how to roll this out – Chair Cich and Commission looking to Mr Crawford to incorporate package of info for community members looking to host an event in the city of Duluth. Mr. Crawford agreed to take on.
 - C. **Review Goals** – Chair Cich reminded the Commission that this is a 2 year plan for goals and how the goals align with the city's code of ordinances. **MSC (Berner, Naus) to approve the Commission goals.** Discussion included minor edits which included updated person first language.

D. Planning for city council presentation – Commission discussion on items to be included in packet – Mission/Vision/Goals, Commission accomplishments, Accessibility Checklist for Special Events – Chair Cich will call a special meeting to finalize Agenda and details for presentation.

7. New Business: n/a

8. Current Disability Issues:

A. Snow Removal Taskforce – tabled

B. 2020 ADA Celebration – tabled

C. Winter Bike/Pedestrian Accessibility Initiative – scheduled for this Friday, Chair Cich plans to attend.

9. Other Business, Announcements and additional Public Comment –

A. Curbbuts – Berner called the city of Duluth to inquire on the how curbbuts and sidewalks are maintained (shoveling/sanding). Berner was given the recommendation to call the Greater Downtown Council's Clean and Safe Team.

B. School System and student suspension – Mr. Crawford shared his understanding of the issue of student's with disabilities are being suspended and expelled at a very high rate in the Duluth School system. Mr. Crawford recommends that the Commission takes on the issue in the future.

10. Adjourn – MSC (Crosby, Terella) at 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle McDonald