

Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Minutes

Special Meeting held on Monday, July 18, 2016

Present: Chair Hattie Crass, Treasurer Katey Geistfeld, Councilor Ruth Ludwig, Mike Meehan, Rani Gill, John Nousaine, Joe Flaherty

Excused: Traffic Sergeant John Kiel, Todd Janigo

Absent: Dave O'Kash, Chad Carpenter

Also Present: **WisDOT Design Team**: Project Leader Stephanie King, Alanna Pekuri and Jill Peterman

Duluth Transit Authority: Jeffrey Dahlgren

Superior Business Improvement District (BID): Lindsay Jacobson

Douglas County Veterans Service Officer: Brian Erickson

Douglas County Aging and Disability Center: Kris Westerlund

WisDOT requested to meet with the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities to discuss the two year reconstruction project of Belknap Street from Banks Avenue to Hill Avenue. This is a complex project requiring improvements on most of the connecting side streets north and south of US 2, Belknap Street, back to the respective alleys. Pedestrian facilities and accessibility are expected to be altered during construction. The bus route is expected to be relocated to a parallel route. The project will include improvements to the parking, sidewalk, street lighting and partial bike accommodations.

Construction will start in early April and continue to November (weather permitting). There will be both vehicle and truck detours. Belknap Street will have one lane open in each direction. Alternating side streets will be open. Occasional closures would be required for utility work. Temporary access may be needed to access homes and businesses.

WisDOT staff went through the final design with a power point presentation, answered questions and took suggestions from the meeting.

The Regular meeting was called to order by Chair Crass immediately following the Special Meeting.

1. **Roll Call.**

2. **Approval of the Minutes of April 18, 2016 Meeting.**

Motion by Nousaine, seconded by Geistfeld to approve the March 21, 2016 Minutes with the correction of Todd Janigo's name. Motion passed.

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3. Treasurer's Report.

Geistfeld reported \$1161.04.

Motion by Nousaine, seconded by Meehan, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

4. Discussion regarding funding from the City of Superior.

Letter sent by Assistant Finance Director Chris Bronson, stating that due to financial restraints, the City Finance Committee voted to reduce the City's contributions to outside organizations by 50% beginning in the year 2017, with the potential to be eliminated in 2018.

Discussion took place as to how the funding will affect the commission. In light of the fact that this is the "Mayor's Commission on Disabilities", the possibility of our funding being cut maybe minor. But, as a Commission, we do have to justify the spending of our funds and submit a report to the City which Katey already provides to the City Finance Dept.

5. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 19, 2016 in room 204, Government Center, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, WI

Motion by Nousaine, seconded by Meehan, meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Rani Gill