

Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Minutes

Monday, March 20, 2017

Present: Chair Hattie Crass, Treasurer Katey Geistfeld, Councilor Ruth Ludwig, Dave O'Kash, Sgt. Thor Trone, Mike Meehan, Rani Gill, John Nousaine, Todd Janigo, Kris Westerlund, James Taray

Excused: Joe Flaherty

Guest: Lauri Berner, Superior Vocational Center

Secretary Rani Gill called the meeting to order at 12.00 Noon.

1. Roll Call.

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 19, 2016 Meeting.

Motion by Meehan, seconded by Taray, to approve the December 19, 2016 Minutes, with a note that Mike Meehan was present. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Geistfeld reported \$561.04.

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

4. Thank you from Nancy Minahan, Co-President NAMI – (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for the \$100 donation.

Copy of the letter was shared with the Commission via email. Geistfeld stated it was a very successful event. Good turnout. It may well become an annual event. No action.

5. Any other discussion.

Nousaine handed out an informational sheet regarding City-wide, Area-wide regulation of Transportation Network Companies. Specifically talks about TNC's, also known as Ride Sharing or Uber. It's a challenging development that can increase transportation options, but also raises a lot of concerns. They provide options for many people with disabilities and other communities, but the drivers have often discriminated against people with disabilities, ie, no arrangements for service animals and vehicles are not accessible.

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NCIL believes that with the right policy practices, TNCs can be part of solving some of the community's transportation needs. NCIL encourages advocates to be at the table on all levels when public policy and practices on TNCs are being discussed.

6. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2017 in room 204, Government Center, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, WI

Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Nousaine, meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Rani Gill