



# Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Minutes

Monday, September 17, 2018

Present: Chair Hattie Crass, Councilor Ruth Ludwig, Sgt. Thor Trone, John Nousaine, Kris Westerlund, Rani Gill

Excused: Treasurer Katey Geistfeld, Dave O'Kash

Also Present: Kalee Hermanson, South End Citizen

Chair Crass called the meeting to order at 12.05 PM.

- 1. **Roll Call.**
- 2. **Approval of the Minutes of May 21, 2018 Meeting.**

Motion by Nousaine, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the May 21, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

- 3. **Treasurer's Report.**

Communication from Geistfeld reported \$1,036.04. Last payment of \$25.00 for the table at the NCIL Expo.

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

- 4. **All Abilities Park – Webster Park**

Nousaine invited Ms. Hermanson to give an overview of the plans for the Webster Park, to make it all inclusive, all abilities playground. She handed out the Webster Park Playground Case Study from June, 2018. The Idea was brought forward by her 8 year old daughter who wants kids to be able to enjoy the park regardless of their abilities or non-abilities. There will be three phases to the project and a small group of people from South Superior have been working on this and have partnered with the South End Days. The Committee hopes to start a fundraising campaign pretty soon.

The Committee is working with the City of Superior, specifically with the Parks & Recreation Dept. There will be 3 phases to this project:

- Phase I - to primarily update the current playground to meet ADA standards.
- Phase II - involves 3 years of fundraising and installation of equipment/surfacing over those 3 years.
- Phase III – looking for funding from the City.

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Hermanson said her group is working on various fundraising opportunities, ie, grants, corporate sponsorships, fundraising events and community and individual donors. She, herself has already applied for several grants. Nousaine suggested talking to Planning Dept regarding CDBG Funds. Another suggestion was to connect with the High School for a Senior Project, maybe a student would take it on as a fundraiser.

Nousaine wanted Ms. Hermanson know that this Commission fully supports the All Abilities Park and will help in any way we can. No action.

**5. DTA Update – Sophia Parr.**

None.

**6. STRIDE – Superior Representative.**

No updates.

**7. Any other business.**

Nousaine said the NCIL Expo was very well attended. They raised enough money for a track chair.

Gill mentioned that we need more representation as we lost two members, one from DVR and the other from SVC.

Update on Belknap Street. Sgt Trone said the construction was on time and should be completed by mid-October or before.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, October 15, 2018 in room 204, Government Center, 1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, WI**

Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Nousaine, meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rani Gill