



Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2018

Present: Chair Hattie Crass, Councilor Ruth Ludwig, Kris Westerlund, Dave O'Kash, Sgt. Thor Trone, Todd Janigo, Reggie Leckel, Rebecca Wilberg, Rani Gill

Excused: Treasurer Katey Geistfeld, John Nousaine

Chair Crass called the meeting to order at 12.03 PM.

1. Roll Call.

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2018 Meeting.

Motion by Wilberg, seconded by Ludwig, to approve the October 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Per Geistfeld, same as September's Report - \$1036.04.
Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Wilberg to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Motion passed.

4. Handicapped Sign Requests – Policy and discussion.

Nousaine could not be at the meeting. Gill explained how this came about. In 1998, the Commission requested the City Council to establish a Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council. The purpose to effectively enforce the handicapped parking laws essential to the mobility of disabled persons and their families. Effective enforcement also requires the reporting of violations by private citizens and not just police officers.

To date, there is no Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council as such, but Katey has agreed to be the liaison from the Commission to approve or disapprove the requests for disabled signs from citizens who need on-street parking. The form has to be also approved by the Police Department and Public Works. The resident must display a disabled sign or permit and must be the resident/occupant at address being requested to be posted.

Asked if anybody had been denied, Janigo responded that 2 in probably 2 1/2 years. To remove the signs, there is no way to follow up... usually by word of mouth from a neighbor that the owner does not live there anymore.

No action.

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5. Recruit New Members.

Gill will send final Ad to members to post on their respective websites and Facebook page(s).

6. Any other business.

- a. Councilor Ludwig requested to invite Code Compliance Officer Lee Sandok Baker to the next meeting to talk about snow removal.
- b. O'Kash handed out a page from the OSHA regarding Safety and Health Regulations for Construction. His concern was the "beeping" noise when a vehicle is backing up, especially snow plowing in the morning. Due to his health issues, he asked if anything could be done locally.

He was advised that, that is a safety issue and the City does not have any jurisdiction over private businesses and how they work their equipment. Same goes with the train horns, they are too loud, but it is the railroad and they will do whatever for safety reasons.

- c. Leckel brought up bullying, targeting kids with disabilities. In the schools, in the Mall, hospitals. Discussion took place, but no action.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 17, 2018 in room 204, Government Center, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, WI

Motion by Ludwig, seconded by Wilberg, meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Rani Gill