

Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2012

Present: Katey Geistfeld, Judie Strandberg, Councilor Bob Finsland, Hattie Crass, John Nousaine, Toby Johnson, Sgt. Mark, McGillis, Bill Gallik, Todd Janigo, Rani Gill

Excused: Mike Meehan,

Also Present: Dave O'Kash

Chair Giestfeld called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

1. Roll Call.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting.

Motion by Finsland, seconded by Crass, to approve Minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's report.

Strandberg reported \$1,561.04.

Motion by Crass, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

4. Elections: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

Elections were held and Hattie Crass was voted in as Chair and Katey Giestfeld as the Treasurer. Motion passed,

5. Update on the Social Security Office bus stop. (sign?)

Sign will be placed this week. No action.

6. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 21, 2013 in room 204, Government Center, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, WI

7. Any Other business.

a. Discuss recruiting new members.

Hold until January meeting .

- 7 b. Superior Days was discussed to see if there was any interest from a member.

Mr. Dave O'Kash was asked to introduce himself. He had come to talk to the Commission on an accessibility cab mobility issue.

Bob Olsgaard from NCIL had looked at grants to help the cab companies apply for a grant to buy a van, but there is a lot of red tape to go through regarding this issue and the cab drivers do not want to fill out a lot of paperwork.

Everybody agreed that cab fares are expensive, but this is also a major cost factor. The Commission wondered what bigger cities do, as far as requiring a cab to have a license to carry a disabled person.

Finsland suggested maybe this item could be referred to the City's License and Fees Committee, to see what the requirements would be for an accessible cab. Agreed.

Motion by Gallik, seconded by Crass, meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Rani Gill