

# Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2014

Present: Chair Hattie Crass, Treasurer Katey Geistfeld, Councilor Bob Finsland, John Nousaine, Todd Janigo, Bill Gallik, Dave O'Kash, Joe Flaherty, Rani Gill

Excused: Toby Johnson, Mike Meehan, Traffic Sgt John Kiel

Absent: Chad Carpenter

Also Present: Tammy Thibert, Code Compliance Officer, City of Superior  
Mollie Maruca, Huber/Electronic Monitoring Officer for Douglas County  
Sherriff's Office; Shelley Nelson, Superior Telegram

Chair Crass called the meeting to order at Noon.

- 1. Roll Call.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of October 20, 2014 Meeting.**

**Motion by Finsland, seconded by Nousaine, to approve the October 20, 2014 Minutes. Motion passed.**

- 3. Treasurer's Report.**

Geistfeld reported a balance of \$1661.04.

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

- 4. Snow Removal Awareness.**

Thibert handed out copies of "Snow Cards" titled "Notice to Owner/Occupant/Manager". When a complaint comes in, she sends the card out to businesses and/or residents that are in violation and they are given 48 hours to clear snow/ice off the sidewalk. Properties in violation are inspected 3 days later and if still not cleaned, City will go out and clean and the costs are assessed against the property. \$25 for removal and \$150 standard fee for Administration costs.

Thibert also handed out copies of City Code, Section 106-10: Removal of Snow and ice generally. Section 106-11: Placing of snow on streets, alleys and sidewalks prohibited.

She advised that 106-11 is hard to enforce, since you have to almost catch them in action. Vacant homes are always an issue.

Discussion took place as to how we can help the elders, who cannot get out there and shovel. Maruca advised that she works with sentenced inmates who can go out there and shovel under supervision (Huber Law). We can give her a list of names and addresses that need help and she can schedule them to go shovel. The Commission agreed on buying shovels out of the budget and they will be kept in the Sally Port.

Shelley Nelson attended to get information and write a story in the paper to make people aware as to how important it is to clear snow/ice from sidewalks, corners and curb cuts.

**5. Any other business.**

Nousaine advised that the Wisconsin Sea Grant were holding their meeting at the Red Mug, which is not handicapped accessible. No action.

**6. Next Meeting.**

**The next meeting will be on Monday, December 15, 2014 in room 204, Government Center, 1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, WI**

Motion by O'Kash, seconded by Nousaine, meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rani Gill