



Wauwatosa, WI

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

7:00 PM

Zoom Only:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/81064748721>,
Meeting ID: 810 6474 8721

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 Member Heather Birk
Member, Co-Chair Mary Callen
Member, Co-Chair Elizabeth (BJ) Ermenc
Member Scott Seis
Member Maddie Stencil
Member Mary Walz-Chojnacki
Aldersperson Liaison Joseph Makhoulf II
Member Nancy Hall

Excused 1 Member Julia Murphy

Laurie Laurishke, present

Deb Falk-Palec, present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the November 20, 2024, regular meeting [24-1701](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
Aye: 7 Birk, Callen, Ermenc, Seis, Stencil, Walz-Chojnacki, Makhoulf II, and Hall
Excused: 1 Murphy

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting protocol [24-1700](#)
Discussion about using Roberts' rules to manage the length of meetings. Suggestions include limiting the number of agenda items or limiting time devoted to a topic or inviting guests every other month. Motion was approved to set a goal of limiting the meeting time to 2 hours unless pressing business requires more time. Commissioners are asked to keep comments on topic, current and pertinent. Motion was passed to ask city official to attend a future meeting to discuss open meetings rules. Commissioners will review the bylaws and procedures for the next meeting.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Update on Wauwatosa Special Education [24-1702](#)

no business. Facilities director and DEI Director will be invited to future meetings to focus on ADA compliance in buildings and within student services.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Housing update [24-1703](#)

Mary WC reported on the draft response to the Tosa Tomorrow 2045 Plan by the Housing Coalition.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Update on Commission report to Governmental Affairs [24-1704](#)

Mary WC has prepared the final draft of the report and will send to city hall for distribution to the Governmental Affairs committee. All commissioners are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 in Committee room #1. The Civic Celebration report will be sent also.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. Update on Health Dept. Isolation project [24-1705](#)

RESULT: HELD

6. Update on email/voice mails [24-1706](#)

RESULT: HELD

7. Update on transportation issues [24-1707](#)

BJ reported that Independence First Task Force on transportation is seeking to impact work on transportation issues such as bus service, van service and parking.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

1. Aldermanic update [24-1708](#)

Alder Makhlof reported that the Design Review board will meet on Dec. 5 to look at Mandel Hem and Harlow and the Tosa Loft projects. Other item discussed include advocating for a zoom options and e-comments for all city meetings and advocating for affordable accessible housing. Civic Celebration requests a plan from the commission for the 2025 parade. Mary Callen, Joe M and Deb Falk-Palec will meet to prepare this plan.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.