



Wauwatosa, WI

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

7:00 PM

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

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 Member, Co-Chair Mary Callen
Member, Co-Chair Elizabeth (BJ) Ermenc
Member Heather Birk
Member, Co-Chair Mary Walz-Chojnacki
Member Nancy Hall
Member Julia Murphy
Member Scott Seis
Alderpersion Liaison Joseph Makhoul II

Absent 1 Member Keagan Young

NEW BUSINESS

1. Communication consultant [26-0032](#)
Marissa Yeakey, an independent consultant from Washington, DC, has 20 years' experience in public policy research and advocacy. She offers training to small groups to become effective communicators and change agents within their area of interest. She will offer a framework for developing goals and steps for action to become effective resources for the community. The commission voted to work with Ms. Yeakey for two 2-hour workshops which include training, a summary report, coaching for action steps and products, and feedback about the process. BJ will follow up with the clerk to see about cancelling meetings so that the training can occur during our regular meeting time.
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
2. Disability flag purchase [26-0033](#)
(Hold for consultant determination.)
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
3. Bublr bike usage [26-0034](#)
(Request formal project)
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Accessibility audit/ADA compliance plan status[26-0035](#)*(Hold for consultant proposal determination)***RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY****ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT**

Alder Makhoulf reported about the election for alders process which will result in 12 alders down from 16 with newly mapped districts. Alder Makhoulf reported that these are nine apartment developments being considered for the Research Park. IRGENS has their own review board and there is proposed TIF funding for this area. Wheelchair has been delivered to the library. A liability form is being developed for users, which is on a first come first served, no fee basis.

This was approved.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**REPORTS FROM OTHER CIVIC GROUPS**

BJ reported that the Council for Deaf, Hard of Hearing will meet next week. Also, that Independence First Transportation group is advocating to reduce bus system changes. Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services if testing accommodations for their new website

This was informational only.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Not discussed.

This was informational only.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2026****ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.