



Wauwatosa, WI

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, September 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 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 Member, Co-Chair Mary Callen
Member, Co-Chair Elizabeth (BJ) Ermenc
Member Mary Walz-Chojnacki
Aldersperson Liaison Joseph Makhoulf II
Member Julia Murphy
Member Nancy Hall

Excused 3 Member Heather Birk
Member Scott Seis
Member Maddie Stencil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the July 24, 2024, regular meeting [24-1216](#)
RESULT: APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning for the Crip Camp event in October [24-1217](#)

Mary Walz-Chojnacki reported that the Crip Camp screening, sponsored by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, will be held in the Wauwatosa Library Firefly Room on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 1-4. Publicity is out, interpreters and CART have been ordered. Snacks will not be served due to time constraints. Librarians will prepare a list of relevant books to display for the event. Commission brochures will be placed on each seat for informational purposes.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Wauwatosa special education report [24-1218](#)

Stacy Klemm, director of Special Education Services, reported that the Special Education year-end review was conducted in August and is available on the website. Most Seclusion and Restraint issues occur outside of Special Education prior to a placement. Nonviolent Intervention Prevention Training is in place for all staff. The parent guidebook, the Guardian Guide, is available to all parents as a live document posted on the school website. The Leaders group and the Special Ed parents committee assisted with the production of this FAQ guide.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Parade zone discussion [24-1219](#)

Alder Joe Mahklouf reported that both the Sensory Friendly zone and the Accessibility zone were well received during the 4th of July parade. The Civic Celebration committee will meet in Sept. and Joe, Deb and Mary Callen will attend to follow up. The CC chair reported some negative comments. Our reps will strongly advocate for use of these zones in next year's parade. A responsible party will need to be identified to communicate with the parade units for 2025 to have full compliance with the sensory zone guidelines. A report about the parade will be attached to the commission's report to the Governmental Affairs this year. An additional note: Wauwatosa has a Para-Olympic Gold medalist, Hailey Danz.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Updates on housing developments [24-1220](#)

Housing Trust Fund dollars need to address accessibility issues as well as affordability. Housing Trust Fund dollars are an unprotected pot of funds.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. Adoption of disabilities flag image for our commission's logo [24-1221](#)

Adoption of the Disability flag as our logo- tabled until next meeting.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Budget items [24-1222](#)

Budget- Items purchased by 12.31.24 will be covered by our budget. Invoices need to be at City Hall by January.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7. Other items for discussion [24-1223](#)

No legislative issues.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT**

Alder Joe Makhoulf stated that Hannah Kolberg is leaving the city. Mark Hammond is the Development Director. There are changes to the schedule of meeting for the Common Council and Committees for 2024-25.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: OCT. 2, 2024**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.