



**CITY OF WAUWATOSA**  
**COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
**MINUTES**

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December 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting  
Zoom ID 810 6474 8721

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**REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mary Callen, BJ Ermenc, Nancy Hall, Joe Makhoul, Julia Murphy, Scott Seis, Mary Walz-Chojnacki

Excused: Heather Birk

Guest: Stacy Klemm, Hage Golst

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

BJ moved, Nancy seconded, approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Commission annual report-** Mary WC reported that the final draft was sent to commissioners this week. Open discussion for any changes, additions. None mentioned, so the report will be submitted to the Governmental Affairs committee. The scheduled report date of Dec. 9 was cancelled due to other business at the meeting. The commission plans to give the report on March 10, 2026.
- B. **Disability Flag purchase-** item tabled.
- C. **Wheelchair purchase-**BJ reported that after consulting with Independence First and WISTECH, she will work with the library staff to identify and purchase a suitable wheelchair for use in the library. The library will accept responsibility for the chair and will draw up a waiver form for liability purposes. The manual wheelchair will be available to any patron who wishes to use it in the library.
- D. **Community Input Session Main Themes/Social Opps for Adults with IDD-** Stacy Klemm spoke with Ted Martin, the director of Recreation for Tosa, and he encouraged us to reach out to look at rentable spaces for such an activity. Nancy will continue to work with Tosa Connect for other community resources for this activity.
- E. **Communication consultant-**BJ reported that a communication consultant, Marissa Yeakey, will present an overview of her proposed work at our meeting on Jan 7, 2026. The goal is to strengthen our work in engaging the community. Prior to the meeting, all commissioners are asked to read over her proposal and send questions. We may invite other commissions to join us for this training.
- F. **BPDD email and AB 613 and 614-** BJ reported that the bills did not get much community support, but AB 614 passed. AB 613 is in committee.

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/proposals/ab613.pdf>

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/proposals/ab614>

**G. Length of meeting-** Julia proposed that we end the WCPD meetings at 9pm or earlier. BJ moved, MWC seconded that we have an established end to our monthly meetings at 9pm or earlier, using a timekeeper to help focus our discussions. Motion passed unanimously.

**ALDERMANIC UPDATE** Alderman Mahklouf reported that the \$53 million budget passed for 2026. He invited us to view the Nov. 18 meeting to learn about the budget process. The garbage/yard waste and recycling program is under review. Bublr bike contract was renewed for 2026. The city contributes \$34,00 toward the contract. Bublr offers a free membership to those who receive SSI benefits.

All Alders are up for election this spring. The council will be reducing membership from 16 to 12. Wauwatosa will be represented by (1) alderperson per district in (12) districts. Alders in districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 districts are elected for only a two-year term for 2026 election only. The other aldermanic positions will serve a four-year term.

April 2028 - All aldermanic positions elected in April 2028 will serve a four-year term, with new district maps being drawn.

### **REPORTS FROM OTHER CIVIC GROUPS**

Mary WC reported from the Housing Coalition that Sonesta is being rehabbed into affordable units for MRMC staff and Med College students. A new Medical College student housing development is proposed for 87<sup>th</sup> and Watertown Plank.

Irgens was contracted in March 2025 to assist with planning for development at the Milwaukee County Research Park on Innovation Dr.

BJ reported that the Governor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities will meet on Jan. 3 to discuss making up funding for Federal cuts to services. BJ also reported that the Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet on January 9, 2026.

**TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING-**Bublr Bikes usage, Communications consultant

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** January 7, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM