



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Commission for Persons with Disabilities

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Wednesday, July 30, 2025

7:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 7**      Member Heather Birk  
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 1**      Member Scott Seis

*Deb Falk-Palec, present*  
*Laurie Laurishke, present*  
*Ryan Wallace, present*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the June 4, 2025, regular meeting [25-1257](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Nancy Hall  
**SECONDER:** Elizabeth (BJ) Ermenc  
**Aye:** 6      Birk, Callen, Ermenc, Walz-Chojnacki, Makhoulf II, Murphy, and Hall  
**Excused:** 1      Seis

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessibility inventory of city facilities [25-1268](#)  
*After discussing the proposed accessibility audit and ADA transition plan for the city of Wauwatosa with Ryan Wallace from the Bike/Ped committee, the commission made and passed a motion to form a subcommittee to discuss this issue with other interested bodies in the city such as the Senior commission, Wauwatosa Schools and Rec dept. and the city attorney. The goal is to create a timeline and list of tasks for the city's audit. BJ, Nancy and Deb are interested in this topic.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Parade Best Practice-Civic Celebration [25-1256](#)  
*Mary, BJ and Alder Mahklouf reported that the sensory zone and accessible parking areas were a success this year. Preparation is ongoing for next year. Note that bands will be asked to play softly, not stop entirely in the sensory zone. Communication from the city regard in the zones was excellent this year.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
3. City meetings accommodations [25-1258](#)  
**RESULT:** HELD
4. WSD meeting accommodation policies [25-1259](#)  
*Following a commission motion, BJ and Mary WC will draft a letter requesting that the board will provide accommodations at school board meetings.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
5. WSD Recreation Dept. Director change [25-1260](#)  
*Rec dept. leadership abruptly changed. Concerns regarding accessibility to programs, adaptive resources across the lifespan.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
6. Tosa City Development Board Grant (CDBG) [25-1261](#)  
*CDGB grant to Wauwatosa schools. First time schools have been granted these funds. How will schools meet the goals for these funds?*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
7. Wauwatosa organizational charts [25-1262](#)  
*Organizational chart for city. BJ may make a request for this.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
8. National Night Out participation, Aug. 6, 2025 [25-1263](#)  
*Commission will not participate this year.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
9. Website redesign [25-1264](#)  
*City requires ADA accessibility. Will work with the communications dept regarding this.*  
**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
10. Disability flag [25-1265](#)  
**RESULT:** HELD
11. Budget expenditures for commission [25-1266](#)  
**RESULT:** HELD
12. Social opportunities for Adults with IDD [25-1267](#)  
**RESULT:** HELD
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**ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT****1. Aldermanic update**[25-1269](#)

*August recess for the Common Council. Health Dept. and Tosa Connects Event, Monday, Aug 11 to collect ideas from citizens about ways to connect with each other. Please stop by Civic Center. State of Wisconsin required a reassessment of properties this year. Average increase was 54%. Taxes may go up due to this and the school referendum.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**OTHER COMMISSION REPORTS****1. Other Commission reports**[25-1271](#)

*BJ will attend a meeting regarding the ADA celebration.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 3, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.*