

City of Duluth

*411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802*



Unofficial Actions - Final

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

3:00 PM

**City Hall – Lakeside Conference Room (Room 430), 411 West First
Street, Duluth, MN 55802**

Commission on Disabilities.

Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Brooke Marinar, George McDermith, Jill Johnson, Allison Fochs, Ashlie Castaldo, Michelle McDonald

Excused: Amanda Paszak, Michaela Mullin

City Staff: Laura Laaksonen, Mark Bauer

Approval of Minutes

George/Michelle
approved

Public Comment

The City of Duluth Planning staff gave a presentation on the 4th St. Revitalization project from Mesaba to 6th Ave E. They shared the results from public input sessions and surveys. Issues with existing crosswalks include pedestrian visibility problems, sightlines and lack of yielding. Census data shows 29% of residents in that area live in poverty and also a high number do not have a vehicle. They showed proposed plans that include removing parking from one side of the street, adding trees, curb bump outs to slow traffic, multi use sidewalks, and ADA accessibility upgrades.

Accessible Parking Update

Last month:

620 N. 56th Ave W. Was approved and installed.

Next Month:

5818 Elinor St

6209 Raleigh St. Mark will be looking into this one since the one and only stall would be on the opposite side of the street.

The Parking Commission has tabled approval of the 4th St Project, more to come on that.

Committee Updates

Outreach: Human Rights Office sent out the new one page flyer.

Skywalks: Questions about the city's social media graphic saying the skywalk study is complete. The commission was under the impression they would be brought in eventually to that project, would like more information.

Crosswalks: No update.

Parks and Rec Report

Updates on the renovations on Park Point. Rearranging amenities, adding accessible bathrooms. Walkways are not paved but made of another accessible material. Parking changes, area for food trucks and other improvements.

Current Disability Issues and Announcements

July 29 Disability Pride event. 4-6 pm in front of City Hall. Marsha will be tabling.

Duluth Age Friendly event Aug 10th. 4-6 pm.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Public Comment - none

Adjourn

Ashlie/Michelle
approved