



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Commission on Disabilities.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

3:00 PM
City Hall – Lakeside Conference Room (Room 430), 411 West
First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Welcome and Roll Call - Present: Mullin, Paszak, Fochs, McDermith, Castaldo

Approval of May Minutes

This was approved.

April-NA

May- McDermith, Paszak

Public Comment

Staff from the Library - part of the accessibility work group. She is wanting to make connections with the community and work with groups to discuss how to make the library more accessible.

Special Guests - Councilors Durrwachter and Johnson

Accessible Parking Update

- 1926 E 2nd St-approved during May COD 2026 meeting.
- Emergency vehicles only zone in front of CHUM-approved.
- Bus drop off zone was approved.
- Two-hour parking zone in front of Native American health building/clinic on 4th St.
- 620 N 56th Ave W-to be discussed/approved at parking commission meeting on 6/5/26.

Committee Reports

- Skywalks: Castaldo reported the mayor stated the skywalk updates are on pause in a news article recently. The commissions' biggest goal is to be part of conversations with the city to make the skywalks better accessible for the community. Councilor Johnson stated that at this time the skywalks have not been made a high priority item, when the skywalk conversation comes back into high priority he will report back to our commission and include our commission in the conversation.
- Crosswalks: Chair Paszak updated the commission on our goal to get crosswalk information to our community, get crosswalks better marked, or to get signs to posted saying "stop here" pointing to cross walks. Our main goal is to educate the community and keep community members safe while transporting on the sidewalks. Councilor Johnson is going to investigate ways to move this agenda item along within the city and will report back to our commission.
- Outreach: Brochures- Commissioners are not able to have copies of the brochures with commission meeting time, date, and information, due to having to wait for administration to get approval for commissioners to have those copies.

Parks and Rec Report - N/A

Old Business

- Spotlight Feedback Connectability Facebook post-lots of good feedback. The commission will continue to make posts about local agencies to educate the community on resources.

New Business

• Summer Meeting Schedule

- Discussion about safety/access at the library. They have 3 social workers on staff and DPD officers can work additional hours to support the library. They are working through/discussing ways to make accommodations to the community to access the superior St entrance.

Current Disability Issues and Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Events-Chocolate After Dark 6/18/2026 at Duluth Country Club. Juneteenth Event at One Roof 6/19/2026 1-6pm . Disability Pride 7/29/2026 4-6pm at Priley Circle.

Public Comment

- Eli from the Duluth/Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council came to discuss his work on transportation in our community.

Adjourn

This was approved.

4:20pm-Fochs, Mcdermith