



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
December 13, 2016
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 11/15/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Articles for Connections

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 11/15/16

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES**

November 15, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Goldberg at 7:09 pm in Room 182 at the Senior Center at 1801 W. Central Road.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
David McCallum
Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax

Absent:

Marc Klein
Michele Ramsey
Jackie McCarty

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Stacy Shein-Stapleton, Sign Language
Interpreter

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the September 13, 2016 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Calibraro. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he had two accessibility complaints. One at a restaurant and one at a medical office building. The restaurant complaint was from a wheelchair user who couldn't find the curb ramp to gain access to a switchback ramp that had replaced a straight ramp. In comparison to the straight ramp, the switchback ramp added 6 left/right angle turns and 85-feet to the accessible route as measured from closest Accessible Reserved Parking. Management was contacted and their architect met with the Coordinator. The restaurant agreed to install a new curb ramp to the sidewalk at the base of the switchback ramp and shift all their Accessible Reserved Parking spaces in closest proximity to the new curb ramp. This action will shorten the accessible route by 50-feet.
2. The medical office building complaint was from a patient with COPD who couldn't use an outdoor wheelchair lift to enter the building. With great difficulty and exasperation she climbed the stairs and entered the building. The owner was contacted and agreed that the outside lift should be open and

usable by the public during normal business hours. The owner reported that the wheelchair lift vendor's technician had insisted that it was the manufacturer requirement for the lift to be locked during business hours for security purposes. This approach does not provide equal access for those needing to use the lift to enter the building. Per the owner, the coordinator contacted the vendor and a solution was identified that would allow independent use of the lift by the public during normal business hours.

3. The Coordinator supplied a list of local sign shops, who carry the State approved signs for Accessible Reserved Parking spaces, to a Property Maintenance Inspector for the Village. The inspector had cited a business for not displaying the current fine amount of \$250. The inspector wanted to give the owner a list of local shops where the signs could be purchased.
4. Social Security Disability benefit information was supplied to an aid from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's Office for a constituent in our area who received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as a child with disabilities and sought information on how to get SSI as an adult.
5. Scholarship resources specific to persons with schizophrenia was supplied to a resident who sought funding to pursue a college education.
6. The Coordinator supplied Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Service Dog regulations to Senior Center staff. This was in response to a patron/volunteer who claimed a right to have her "Emotional Support Animal" in the Center, which is not covered by the ADA. In addition the coordinator called the patron in response to an email he had received from her about the matter. She was instructed on how the ADA applied and stressed that emotional support animals are not protected by the ADA in places of public accommodation, including the Senior Center. He explained further that per the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act emotional support animals may be permitted via a reasonable accommodation to a No-Pets" policy.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Commissioner Calibraro reported that Access Living of Chicago has sued Uber for lack of service to wheelchair users. They cited millions of rides Uber has provided but only 14 rides to wheelchair users unable to transfer out of their wheelchairs into a car. A major concern of the City of Chicago when Uber tried to come in was that they didn't have any accessible vehicles.
2. She also reported on a blind lawyer working for Equip for Equality, Andrew Webb. He worked as a lawyer before becoming blind at age 32 due to an accident. After the accident he wanted to get back to his work as a lawyer and received additional training and schooling. He now represents people who have become newly disabled who are unfamiliar with how to access benefits and services.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. BUILDING CODE

Coordinator Robb reported meeting with Steve Touloumis, the new Building Department Director. They discussed the results of the Northwest Municipal Conference Survey that showed a majority of municipalities have adopted the “Accessibility” and “Existing Structure” Chapters of the International Building Code (IBC). The “IBC Accessibility Chapter,” unlike the Illinois Accessibility Code, provides a “safe harbor equivalent” to the Federal Fair Housing Accessibility Requirements that apply to “Multifamily Housing” in covered buildings with four or more dwelling units.

The Illinois Accessibility Code for “Multistory Housing” does not apply to one-story, two-story, or three-story buildings subject to the Federal Fair Housing Accessibility Requirements. As a result, developers, architects, and builders, unwittingly design and construct noncompliant buildings and are sued by disability rights groups, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for non-compliant buildings.

The coordinator discussed the history of the Commission’s work on the topic and stated that the Commission seeks Village adoption IBC’s “Accessibility” and “Existing Structure” Chapters covering “Housing.” Their aim is not only to support the creation of more accessible dwelling units but to protect developers, architects, and builders from costly litigation and lawsuits for designing and constructing noncompliant buildings subject to the Fair Housing Accessibility Requirements.

The Building Director mentioned that he plans to start working on an update to the Village’s Building Code next summer and suggested the Commission present their findings to the Building Code Review Board at that time.

A discussion ensued. Information packets will be assembled to share with the Building Code Review Board. The Commission will do outreach to the community to find individuals willing to speak to the Building Code Review Board about their personal need for accessible housing.

B. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Danzinger reported speaking with Jim Platt at the Chamber of Commerce. They have decided with the holidays coming up and busy schedules to wait until after the New Year to plan a presentation. To date they have presenters from H.R., the Village, an employee with disabilities, an employer with an employee with disabilities, and may invite another State or governmental agency to present. Once the Chamber picks a date it will be confirmed with the presenters and a venue will be selected, perhaps a restaurant.

C. NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH – EMPLOYER AWARD

Chair Goldberg said the reception and presentation went well. He mentioned that it was nice to have Health Services Director James McCalister there and Village Manager Randy Recklaus. Commissioner McMahon commented that she recalled

it was agreed that Commissioner Tom Minta's name would be mentioned during the speeches, crediting him for his idea for the annual Disability Employment Awareness Award to Arlington Heights business who employees workers with disabilities, but it wasn't. Both Coordinator Robb and Chair Goldberg apologized for the oversight of not including Commissioner Minta's name in the speeches. Commissioners discussed including his name in the speeches for next year's award. Commissioner Danzinger said for the record "on Monday October 17th the Village Board of Trustees honored Jewel - Vail Street Market as the 2016 Disability Employment Awareness Award winner. The Commission for Citizens with Disabilities held a reception at 7:00pm in the Buechner Room of Village Hall for the Trustees and Jewel Representative and a good time was had by all."

A discussion ensued about advertising the award and use of professional materials. Coordinator Robb will forward the Commission's "Disability Employment Campaign" materials created by the Commission to Commissioners for review.

D. 2017 BUDGET

Chairman Goldberg reported that he and Coordinator Robb submitted the 2017 Budget Request for the same amount budgeted in 2016.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARTICLES FOR CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Commission Goldberg will write an article on the Maccabi Games, Commissioner Danzinger will write an article seeking community input on the need for more accessible housing, Commissioner McMahon, will generate an article on fall-prevention, Coordinator Robb on the Disability Employer Award, Commissioner Klein on Special Olympics, Commissioner Calibraro on Uber Wav, with a December 31st deadline.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A.** Commissioner Danzinger reported that Frontier Days, Inc. signed the petition urging the U.S. Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Treaty, as a result of the Commission's mailing.
- B.** Coordinator Robb handed out a flyer he received from Commissioner Klein for distribution announcing the "8th Biennial Congratulatory Legislative Breakfast" sponsored by the North/Northwest Cook County and Lake County Work Group for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, on Monday December 5, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Chevy Chase Country Club at 1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Danzinger seconded by Commissioner Mullinax. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.