Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
November 13, 2018
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from 10/09/18

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Captioning
B. Connections Newsletter
C. Disability Awareness Month/Award
D. Spring Project/Presentation

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Corey Axelrod Proposal

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 10/09/18

Department: hhs

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October DC minutes	Minutes

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

October 9, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Calibraro at 7:10 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:
Roxanne Calibraro, Chairman
Eva Mullinax
Peg McMahon
Marc Klein
Jackie McCarthy
David McCallum

Absent:
Seth Goldberg
Michele Ramsey

Also Present:
David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner McCallum to approve the September 11, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) Robb reported that on September 6th the Village of Arlington Heights hosted the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus' (MMC) ADA Coordinator's Group. Doug Anderson and Liz Zaverdas of LCM Architects presented on "ADA Title II Transition Plans." Doug Anderson was appointed to the U.S. Access Board by George W. Bush in 2003 and served until 2011. Twenty-three people attended the presentation representing 15 communities. To date the ADA Coordinator's Group has held seven meetings. Presentation materials from each of the meetings is available on the MMC website: http://mayorscaucus.org/initiatives/ada25/.

2. The DSC assisted four residents with online subsidized housings applications. This included a 90 year old veteran applying for Veterans Administration (VA) subsidized housing. The VA required the application be encrypted, which the DSC was able to do with the help of Information Technology (IT).

   The DSC also assisted a resident with a Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) application for two buildings for seniors/persons with disabilities. One in Niles and one in Wheeling. We received confirmation that he is on both waitlists.

He also assisted two residents with disabilities apply on the Statewide Referral Network (SRN) for Housing. Landlords and property owners throughout the State of Illinois are in partnership with the State to provide community based apartments to people with disabilities who would otherwise be relegating to living in State Operated Developmental Centers (SODC).

3. The DSC in his role as Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator met with the Joint Emergency Management Coordinators' Emergency Manager's Volunteer Coordinator's Group. A late October/November volunteer exercise/training is being explored.

B. NORTH & NORTHWEST COOK & LAKE COUNTY WORKGROUP

Commissioner Klein reported on a publication called Illinois Community Living Report, by Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities (IPADD). It is a legislative scorecard that grades legislators on Developmental Disability Laws impacting citizens with developmental disabilities in Illinois. It contains a color coded United States Map and State spending per capita on developmental disability services with Illinois amongst those at the bottom. The report is available online:
http://www.avenuesonline.us/nnwnetwork/FY%202019/DRAFT%20ICLR%202018.0.0-3.prn

C. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Continuing the discussion of service animals on airlines, Alaskan Airlines reported that they would be accepting miniature horses but not snakes. Miniature horses that are specially trained. The Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act has been signed. The Services Animals section is now in the rule making phase.

Senator Duckworth has introduced a small business ADA Law to increase the Tax Credit needed to comply with the ADA and put complaints into mediation. The tax credit will double from $5,000 per year to $10,000 per year. Small businesses will be redefined to have gross revenues from $1 million to $3 million per year. Renovations to improve accessibility are also tax deductible. Businesses can double dip to offset the costs of ADA barrier removal compliance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CAPTIONING

Coordinator Robb reported online streaming video of past Village Board Meetings may be viewed at:
https://www.vah.com/cms/one.aspx?portalId=7230773&pageId=9737163 and this page includes a link to the Village's YouTube webpage with closed captioned video at: "past Village Board meetings with closed captioning." While the Commission had expressed their delight in the improvement to view Board Meetings with closed captioning, a resident used social media to complain about a garbled section of an online video. The DSC looked into the matter and learned the garbled section of closed captioning on the video was due to a faulty microphone. While YouTube's generated "text to speech captioning" may not be the best approach ultimately, it provides captioning where captioning was not available previously. The DSC went on to report that the Village is looking into other possible options for providing closed captioning to better serve the community.

B. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Chairman Calibraro mentioned that Connections' news articles are due by next meeting. Commissioners suggested including the snow shoveling program and articles about the Disability Employment Awareness Award. Commissioner McCallum suggested featuring an article on hidden disabilities.

C. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Chair Calibraro asked Mr. Robb for the names of the Culver's representatives receiving the award. Charles Martin, Culver's owner reported that two to four Culver's representatives will be on hand to receive the award and he will supply Chair Calibraro and Mayor Hayes with the names of the recipients once he receives them. The award plaque is the same as previous award plaques. Commissioners should arrive between 6:30 pm - 6:45 pm, before the others start arriving.

D. SPRING PROJECT/PRESENTATION

Coordinator Robb reported that he reached out to Linda Mastandrea, FEMA's Director of the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination and her staff, but has not heard back from her yet. After discussion, the Commissioners though that April 10th would be the ideal date.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Calibraro mentioned canceling the December meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he received a "Thank You Letter" from Frontier Days Inc., regarding the Commission's sponsorship of the Citizens with Disabilities Day Carnival, Luncheon and Dance Party. Commissioner McCarty asked if the award plaque had been received yet for the Commission's float that won 1st place in the non-commercial float category from the 4th of July Parade. It had not yet been received.

2. Coordinator Robb reported that it was the best volunteer sign-up ever for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser. There was full coverage each day from 9:00 to 5:00 pm. Commissioner McCarty reported that per the Knights' report, the Commission collected $500 on Friday. The total for both days was over $750. Commissioner McMahon reported that the Knights offered to help the Commission with any efforts they may need help with, as their mission is the same - to serve individuals with disabilities in Arlington Heights.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner McMahon, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.