



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Commissions Room 2nd Floor

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
October 14, 2014
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from the 9/09/14 meeting.

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Employment Campaign
- B. Disability Employment Award
- C. Randy Lewis (Walgreen's Presentation)
- D. Fundraisers

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Building Code - Cost of International Code Council Speaker

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 9/09/14 meeting.

Department: Health Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
September minutes	Minutes

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

September 9, 2014

- I. Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Corey Axelrod
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
Marc Klein
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax

Commissioners Absent:

Jim Ludwig

Also Present:

David Robb, Board Liaison
Stacy Shein Stapleton, Sign Language Interpreter

III. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2014 Meeting

Chairman Goldberg asked if there were any changes, corrections, or revisions to the minutes of August 12, 2014. Commissioner Danzinger moved that the minutes be approved as written, Commissioner Calibraro seconded.

The Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.

IV. Reports

A. Disability Employment Campaign

Chairman Goldberg reported that no nominations had been received for the Disability Employment Awareness Award. He asked Commissioners for suggestions as to how to proceed so that the tradition of presenting the award to an employer could be continued this year. Many suggestions were made such as reaching out to past nominees who did not win the award, just doing a proclamation recognizing Disability Awareness Month,

make the award to some other employer who had not been nominated but employed people with disabilities. After a very lengthy discussion, it was decided to give the award to Goodwill Industries since there is a store in Arlington Heights and a large portion of their workforce are people with disabilities. Commissioner McCarty will contact the Arlington Heights Goodwill store and notify the manager and make sure that they would like to accept the award. Coordinator Robb will have the plaque made and talk to the Village Manager's office about the date.

Commissioner Danzinger asked whether commissioners still wanted to do an information night in conjunction with the presentation. This is also the culmination of the "Top Ten Reasons to Hire a Person with a Disability" which have appeared in the Chamber of Commerce newspaper. This was discussed as a possibility of hosting a presentation featuring Randy Lewis from Walgreens speaking about their warehouse in South Carolina which employs a large number of people with disabilities. Randy has since retired and Commissioners Danzinger and Axelrod have not been able to reach him. Commissioner Mullinax will try to reach out to some of her contacts at Walgreen's through her professional organizations to see if she can't find out if they would be willing to do this and who we would contact. Coordinator Robb suggested we just play the video Randy Lewis made about the South Carolina warehouse if we can't get anyone to come and speak about it. Commissioner McCarty reminded the Commission of the other option of having the presentation at one of the Chamber's regular luncheon meetings. The employers would be attending the luncheon anyway and the presenter from Walgreen's could be the keynote speaker. Commissioner Danzinger will also reach out to DRS to see if they have a local employer that might be willing to speak about their experiences in hiring people with disabilities.

B. Disability Services Update

1. Coordinator Robb reported he had helped a resident employed at a parochial school with a reasonable accommodation request. The employee had a verbal agreement with the previous administration but it was not in writing in his file. The request identified previous accommodations that had been in place to allow the employee to do his job. He later reported that the situation had improved, but he is looking for another job. Complaint filing information was also shared with the man. This included an online guide: Employment Discrimination: A Guide To Working With Chicago Area Agencies created by: The Young Lawyers Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. The Coordinator will send the pdf to the Commission.
2. He also reported that he had seen a press release about housing vouchers for homeless veterans. He said that Cook County had received 72 of them. He has been trying to assist an elderly homeless veteran with a number of things and contacted the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Coordinator out of Hines VA Hospital. He set up an appointment for the resident and he will be meeting with him next week. Coordinator Robb told the Supportive Housing Coordinator that

if he gave the resident a voucher, he (Coordinator Robb) would find the housing.

3. He has also been comparing the Accessibility Chapter of the International Building Code for Housing to the Illinois Accessibility Code. He then explained the different types of units and levels covered in the Accessibility Chapter of the International Building Code. There is no requirement for a Building Code to be adopted. The International Building Code is written so that if a builder chooses to build to that standard, they will be in compliance with all of the laws. Illinois needs to adopt something that is more inclusive of federal law. Under the current Illinois Accessibility Code, the new apartments being built in the old Sheraton building are exempt from providing any accessible units. All common areas must be accessible, but no accessible units are required. The Building Code Review Board opted not to adopt the Accessibility Chapter of the International Building Code which would have required some accessible units.

C. Disability Law Update

Commissioner Calibraro said that she had nothing new to report

V. Old Business

A. Building Code

Commissioner Mullinax reported that Coordinator Robb had sent her his comparison of the Illinois Accessibility Code and the Accessibility Chapter of the International Building Code (IBC). He also sent the 393 page comparison of the ADA with the IBC. She is reviewing information and working on a spreadsheet to use as a reference that condenses some of this information. She will keep Jim in the loop of what has been discussed and what decisions have been made with regard to the direction the Commission would like to take with any future recommendations.

- B. Commissioner Danzinger reported that the Commission had received a thank you for our sponsorship of the Frontier Days carnival and luncheon for citizens with disabilities and their families. Chairman Goldberg asked if now would be the appropriate time to vote on sponsorship of the carnival for 2015. Commissioners thought it was too early and so the vote was tabled until the January meeting.

C. This item was discussed under IV.A.

VI. New Business – There was no new business to report.

VII. Other Business

- A. Coordinator Robb passed around the sign-up sheets for the Knights of Columbus fund-raiser September 19th-20th and Kiwanis September 26th-27th. Coordinator Robb will forward the list to Kiwanis and Chairman Goldberg will inform Knights of Columbus.
- B. Chairman Goldberg informed the Commission that the Wheelchair Bulls fund-raiser will be held November 8th at St. Viator's.

- C. Commissioner Danzinger reminded the Commission that we usually do a reception prior to the award presentation. Commissioners signed up to bring the needed refreshments. Coordinator Robb will display the Disability Employment Awareness Month posters at the reception.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Danzinger moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Commissioner Calibraro seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.