



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
October 10, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 9/12/17

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Employment Video
- B. Job Seekers Employment Packet
- C. Disability Employment Award
- D. April Presentation/Promotion
- E. Captioning

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Connections Articles

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 9/12/17

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

September 12, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Calibraro at 7:08 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Chairman
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
David McCallum
Michele Ramsey
Marc Klein
Eva Mullinax

Absent:

Seth Goldberg

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon to approve the August 8, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he had several meetings with the Medical Reserve Corps part of his job. He reported on meeting with the Arlington Heights Board of Health and Mick Fleming the Village's new Joint Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Fleming oversees nine communities including Arlington Heights and brings a wealth of information and experience to the position. He suggested using the Village's Mass Pharmaceutical Distribution site for a free flu shot clinic next year to evaluate the point of distribution (POD). With signage being a key component of a POD, Coordinator Robb will have new signs made as the existing black on white signs just blend in and are hard to see. The signage is meant to distinguish three distinct lines; one for families with children under 12 years of age, another line for persons with disabilities and special needs, and a third adult express line for those with pre-filled forms. Forms will be available online. Medical professionals will be screening the forms and then there will be nurses and doctors and others qualified to give the shots.

2. Coordinator Robb also reported on being quite busy in his interim role as Human Services Coordinator, processing emergency financial assistance and Park District scholarships applications.
3. He also reported that the Accessibility Complaint against a fitness club had been resolved and closed. After months of going back and forth, the fitness club finally installed new door closers that could be adjusted to an opening force of 8 pounds versus the previous weight of 13 pounds. He discovered the 2010 ADA Standards went silent and omitted opening force weights from the 2010 Standards. However, the Illinois Accessibility Code still applies and specifies a maximum opening force of 5 pounds of force for interior and 8.5 pounds of force for exterior hinged doors.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Chairman Calibraro shared the theme for Disability Employment Awareness Month that came out late this year. "Inclusion Drives Innovation"
2. She also reported that she attended a teleconference on August 15th on Digital Accessibility by Lainy Finegold. Websites are covered by the ADA as a civil right per access to goods and services, but without specifications to enforce how to make them accessible. The thrust of her presentation was on structured negotiations as a winning alternative to lawsuits. However, she will file lawsuits when necessary. She stressed that it is better for violators to spend money on making their websites accessible then on attorney fees defending inaccessible websites.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN VIDEOS

Coordinator Robb reported that former Commissioner Danzinger had said that he would finish his Power Point presentation of his employer's speech per Kevin Corcoran's suggestion to shorten the speech.

A discussion ensued about perhaps partnering with Clearbrook, as they are the placement agency that has placed a number of individuals with disabilities with Arlington Heights employers and they themselves employ individuals with disabilities.

Coordinator Robb will contact Clearbrook and the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) to ask them to attend a future meeting to give a brief presentation on their placement activities in the community. Perhaps the Commission could partner with these agencies to promote employing persons with disabilities in Arlington Heights. The Illinois Department of Employment Services (IDES) also does job placement for youth with disabilities, per Pepper Currington.

It was suggested the video could showcase the agencies that place individuals with disabilities with employers and it could highlight the supports available to such businesses who may be interested in hiring individuals with disabilities.

B. JOB SEEKERS EMPLOYMENT PACKET

Commissioners McMahon reported she received some materials from Coordinator Mr. Robb, but has a vacation planned and will have more time to work on the packet after both hers and Commissioner McCarty's vacations for the November meeting.

C. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARD

Coordinator Robb handed out copies of the self-nomination received for Peggy Kinnane's Restaurant & Pub.

Commissioner McCarty made a motion to give the 2017 Disability Employment Awareness Award to Peggy Kinnane's, Commissioner Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Commissioner discussed what would be needed at the reception. Coordinator Robb will invite Clearbrook and the other agencies to the award presentation and reception, including Jewish Vocational Services as they were listed in the nomination.

D. APRIL PRESENTATION

Chair Calibraro confirmed with Coordinator Robb that all the arrangements have been made to host the April 10th presentation by Brian Rubin and son Benji Rubin on Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts for parents of children with disabilities. The presentation will be held at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, in Room 183 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Chair Calibraro suggested including a sign-up form in the Connections Newsletter. Coordinator Robb said that other articles are needed for the Connections. Commissioners will need to submit articles by Thanksgiving to Coordinator Robb. The last edition of Connections had a transportation and travel theme.

Commissioner Klein suggested that Brian Rubin would know best who to target for advertising the presentation. Some agencies may include; North Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO), Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), as well as Kirk School and other schools serving students with disabilities.

E. CAPTIONING

Coordinator Robb had nothing new to report. Commissioner Ramsey said that her District discussed captioning at their Board Meeting the previous evening. She will gather information from the source on the cost and technical requirements of captioning broadcasts and videos and report back. YouTube is equipped with an automatic closed captioned option, but it must be edited.

Coordinator Robb explained that there is a problem, a “disconnect” when transferring the recorded real-time closed captioned broadcast to an achieved video format as the captioning does not transfer. He went on to explain the difference between “Opened Captioning” and “Closed Captioning.” Open captioning is programed to display onscreen all the time without an option by the viewer to turn it off. Closed Captioning in contrast is programed in a mode that allows the viewer to either turn on their Closed Captioning or not. The Village has opted the “Closed Caption” mode. Commissioner Klein suggested the Village try the open captioned format and perhaps that would preserve the captioning from one format to another when transferring to the Village’s website.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 BUDGET

Chair Calibraro confirmed with Coordinator Robb that the Commission’s Budget Request for 2018 has been submitted.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Coordinator Robb passed out the signup sheet for the Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Tootsie Roll Drive on September 15th and 16th. He also handed out the location spreadsheet identifying the Disability Commission at the Vail Street Jewel for both days.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner McMahon, seconded by Commissioner McCallum. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.