



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, AH, IL 60005
September 10, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from August 13, 2019

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community Awareness Captioning
- B. Disability Celebration
- C. Disability Employer Award
- D. September Presentation/Spring Project

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board and Commission Report
- B. Connections Newsletter

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, such as an American Sign Language interpreter or written materials in accessible formats, should contact David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator, at 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005, (847)368-5793 (Voice), (847)368-5980 (Fax) or drobb@vah.com.



**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
9/10/2019**

Item: Minutes from August 13, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from August 13, 2019	Minutes

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

August 13, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roxanne Calibraro called the regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to order at 7:05 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Roxanne Calibraro, Chairman
Peg McMahon
Seth Goldberg
Eva Mullinax
David McCallum
Brian Harrison

Absent

Michele Ramsey
Jackie McCarty

Also, Present

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Goldberg motioned to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

Coordinator Robb reported that in his role as the Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator, ordered and received Point of Dispensing (POD) signs with white lettering on a navy blue background. The new signs contrast the white interior of their dispensing site making them easier to read.

B. OTHER REPORTS

Commissioner Goldberg reported that he and Commissioner Harrison went to a Cubs game and both were quite impressed with Wrigley Field's new accessibility improvements. He encouraged commissioners requiring accessible features to go to a game and check it out.

C. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Chair Calibraro, reported that on August 20 the Great Lakes ADA Center will do an audial conference on traveling with a disability and transportation. She urged commissioners to take advantage of the online resource at: <https://www.accessibilityonline.org/training>

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. SPRING PROJECT/PRESENTATION – SEPTEMBER

Coordinator Robb reported creating a registration form for the HUD Fair Housing Persons with Disabilities Presentation. He will request a press release and will reach out to Commission Liaisons to the Senior and Housing Commissions and post an online registration form. He will also advertise it through the Northwest Suburban Municipal Conference to share with their Housing, Senior, and Disability Commissions.

B. COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAPTIONING

1. Coordinator Robb handed out samples of the artwork for a window decal he designed to inform customers that Closed Captioning (CC) is available upon request. Commissioners will distribute the decals to Arlington Heights businesses and explain their function, use and intent.
2. Commissioner McMahon handed out a sheet listing ‘5 Benefits of “Turning On” Closed Captioning.’ The list will help Commissioners explain the benefits of closed captioning to businesses asked to put the decal on their windows. She also reported that it is law in Portland and Seattle that you must have closed captioning on in those cities. She also reported that in articles written about closed captioning benefit people with autism, people who are learning English, and people with different learning disabilities.
3. Table tents will be made listing the ‘5 Benefits of “Turning On” Closed Captioning.’

C. DISABILITY EMPLOYER AWARD

1. Chair Calibraro suggested giving Clearbrook the award. They have four nominations and it would be nice to acknowledge their work in the community supporting employers of people with disabilities. After discussing, the Commission may honor Clearbrook with a lifetime achievement award at a future date perhaps coinciding with the 75th Anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) established in 1945 by the U.S. Congress.
2. Coordinator Robb reported the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORs) asked if the Commission is still interested in corroborating on promoting employment of persons with disabilities and the Coordinator said they are.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY CELEBRATION

Coordinator Robb handed out a sheet listing disability organizations from Arlington Heights and the northwest suburbs compiled by Commissioner Goldberg, he asked Commissioners to add other agencies not listed.

Commissioner Goldberg stated that he would rather do a parade and end with a block party celebration, rather than just a block party. He reported reaching out to the Chicago's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. Bob Thomason of Chicago's Disability Parade Association supplied him with much information about their event and all the work that goes into it including getting sponsorships.

He also reported that Village Manager Recklaus and Mayor Hayes both support a celebration but instructed that it would be nice to work with a non-profit in organizing the event and having the full support of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities.

He spoke with the Arlington Heights Park District who suggested use of Recreation Park. He stated that there is plenty of parking on the streets. Also that the parade route would be the same as the one used during the festival to avoid going over the train tracks as is done for the Memorial Day Parade. He intends to go before the Park District Board to get approval for hosting the celebration in Recreation Park. He also spoke with the Police Department about security but did not get any quotes on the cost for security and two restaurants as well as the Governor's Office, who supports the idea.

Commissioner Harrison asked how Chicago's Disability Pride Parade started. Coordinator Robb said he did not know how it started, but suggested following the same model as Access Chicago hosting an Access Arlington Heights celebration as a starting point.

Commissioner Goldberg was thinking two years out in 2021 around the second week of September such as September 12 or 17. A discussion ensued about the dates and activities and other seasonal events during that week.

Commissioner Goldberg asked the Commission to take a vote on being the driving force behind this. Commissioners asked for more information before taking a vote on determining what the Commission's role would be. Commissioner Goldberg will send the Chicago's Disability Parade Planning document to Coordinator Robb to share with the Commission.

The question: What is the Commission's role?

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. BUDGET 2020.** Chair Calibraro reported that the Commission's Budget Request was due before the meeting and she and Coordinator Robb submitted the 2020 Budget Request in the same amounts as the 2019 Budget.

- B. Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser.** Commissioner Goldberg reported that the Knights of Columbus did not get the North Point Jewel. This year the Tootsie Roll fund raising drive is on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21. Coordinator Robb will send out a sign-up sheet for the Golf Road Jewel Osco with volunteer time slots. There was full coverage of the time slots last year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner McCallum. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.