



Agenda  
Village of Arlington Heights  
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
Health Services Conference Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall  
33 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
September 9, 2014  
7:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes from the 8/12/14 meeting

**IV. REPORTS**

- A. Disability Employment Campaign

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Building Code
- B. Frontier Days
- C. Randy Lewis (Walgreen's Presentation)

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Item:** Minutes from the 8/12/14 meeting

**Department:** Health Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

| <b>Description</b>               | <b>Type</b> |
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| Minutes from the 8/12/14 meeting | Minutes     |

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

**August 12, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 7:07pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Seth Goldberg, Chairman  
Roxanne Calibraro  
Ryan Danzinger  
Jackie McCarty  
Peg McMahon  
Eva Mullinax

**Absent:**

Corey Axelrod  
Marc Klein  
Jim Ludwig

**Also Present:**

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator  
Terry Ortiz, Sign Language Interpreter  
Rick Riedl, Arlington Heights Resident

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Calibraro. Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER**

The Commissioners complimented Coordinator Robb on the most recent issue of the Connections newsletter mailed in June. The next issue is due out in January. Because of the holidays, Commissioners should try to submit articles at the November meeting to be included in the next issue

**B. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE**

Coordinator Robb reported that he was asked to follow-up with a resident who spoke at a Village Board meeting during the "citizens to be heard" part of the meeting. The citizen was concerned about homeless people in Arlington Heights. The Coordinator contacted the citizen and learned of his concern for a homeless woman living behind a church in Arlington Heights. The coordinator met with the citizen and homeless woman several times. The Coordinator helped the homeless woman get needed documents to her case manager at "Journeys, The Road Home." The resident later reported that the homeless woman had been placed in a supportive living facility in Evanston.

Another resident asked the Coordinator for help in identifying accessible transportation options that were affordable for her commute to and from her new job in another

community. While the resident owns her own accessible van, she doesn't drive. She has been using Pace Paratransit services but rides each way take three-hours or more. Driving takes 45 minutes. Coordinator Robb identified another option that would take about 2-hours each way using a combination of walking/taking the bus, Metra and Paratransit bus service. Fortunately a coworker that lives in Arlington Heights agreed to drive and now the resident is able to use her van and ride share with her co-worker to and from work.

Coordinator Robb also reported that he included Commissioners Danzinger and Goldberg in his monthly report for all they do at the Festival during Frontier Days.

He also commented that July 26<sup>th</sup> was the 24th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act and June 20<sup>th</sup> was the 15th anniversary of the Olmstead Decision. The Olmstead Decision ruled that people with disabilities shall be afforded opportunities to live in community based settings verses being segregated into nursing homes and other institutional settings without a choice.

### **C. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE**

Commissioner Calibraro reported that Walgreen's has started offering a talking pill reminder that reminds you what the medicine is and when to take it. It is free to Walgreen's visually impaired pharmacy customers. It is available nationwide. It is also available for \$10 if you are not a Walgreen's pharmacy customer. There is also another device called Scrip Talk which reads a microchip embedded in the bottom of your prescription bottle. There is also a 4-digit code that it will read to you. You then call an 800 number, enter the code and you will be read all of the printed information that usually comes with your prescriptions. Scrip Talk is available in Arlington Heights at the Vail Street Jewel. There is also a money identifier coming out that can be placed on your key chain.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. BUILDING CODE**

Commissioner Mullinax reported that she did not have anything to report as she had not spoken with Commissioner Ludwig for a while. Coordinator Robb reported that he had been asked to do a code interpretation for the developer of the Sheraton property. Under our building code, for the portion of the project being converted to apartments there is no requirement to include any accessible units. We enforce the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) which only covers new construction. Coordinator Robb suggested that perhaps the Accessibility Chapter of the International Building Code (IBC) may have a more stringent requirement. The Commission discussed adjusting the parameters of what they are working on with regard to the building code. Coordinator Robb will do a comparison of the Illinois Accessibility Code and the Accessibility Chapter covering housing of the IBC. Commissioner Mullinax offered to assist Coordinator Robb in creating a visual tool for the comparison. Commissioner Mullinax will inform Commissioner Ludwig of what was discussed and decided at this meeting.

### **B. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN**

The Chamber of Commerce started sending out the Commission's "Top 10 Reasons to Hire Someone with a Disability." They started at the end of June and will send out one per week until the first week of October during Disability Employment Awareness

Month. Commissioner Danzinger spoke to Jim Platt of the Chamber of Commerce regarding a possible “After Hours” type meeting prior to the Award presentation. We need to wait and see whether the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday will be scheduled for the Award presentation. Coordinator Robb will check with the administration for the date. Commissioner Danzinger will check with Jim Platt to see which date might work better for the Chamber of Commerce.

Coordinator Robb reported that he had met with Nancy Kluz regarding the Disability Employment Campaign and discussed the Top 10 Reasons. He said that he would write a lead-in to the Top 10 using this year’s theme: “Expect, Employ, Empower” He ordered some posters with this year’s theme. Nancy will be doing an e-blast for 10 weeks as well ending in October. Coordinator will write a short press release and get it to Nancy Kluz.

### **C. FRONTIER DAYS**

Chairman Goldberg thanked the Commissioners for participating in Frontier Days.

Coordinator Robb reported that the accessible seating area was utilized but sidewalk leading to it was completely blocked before the parade started. The extra ten accessible parking spaces were all used. It was suggested that a path be cordoned off to keep a path open to the accessible viewing area. Coordinator Robb will look into solutions to the problem. Commissioner Mullinax asked about shading the area. Commissioner Danzinger said that the Commission could rent 10x10 tents from the Chamber for about \$40 each. Coordinator Robb will look into whether they would be a liability and whether the library would allow them.

The Citizens with Disabilities Day Carnival was well attended and it appeared that everyone had a good time. Commissioner Danzinger reported that there were about 1,000 people registered. The Festival Committee is also very appreciative of the Commission taking pictures.

Commissioner Danzinger, as Festival Co-Chair, reported that this was the first year he was able to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He also noted that there were accessible seating areas at the Main Stage and the Festival offered accessible shuttle bus service on the South route that they plan to have again next year. They will be partnering with Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) to have more wheelchair sports demonstrations. He asked that the Commission let him know if they have any suggestions for improvement.

### **D. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARD**

Coordinator Robb reported that Commissioners should get the word out. He has only received one nomination and it is for an employer in Palatine. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent advising that the award is limited to Arlington Heights employers. He will ask Nancy Kluz to issue a press release. Commissioner Mullinax suggested extending the deadline. After discussion, it was decided to leave the deadline August 30th and we will accept any nominations until September 2nd.

### **E. RANDY LEWIS (WALGREEN’S PRESENTATION)**

Chairman Goldberg thought that October would be a good month to host a presentation for the Chamber. Commissioner Danzinger contacted Jim Platt and he was open to the idea. Commissioner Axelrod has a contact at Walgreen’s and Commissioner Danzinger

will ask him to reach out to them to see what can be arranged. He also noted that Randy Lewis had since retired which may cause him to have more time to do these types of things. Jim Platt had also mentioned that the Chamber had a luncheon meeting every third Wednesday and their October 15<sup>th</sup> date meeting was still open. Commissioner Danzinger suggested partnering with the Chamber in hosting a Randy Lewis presentation as part of the Disability Employment Campaign. The Commission could distribute employment packet to employers attending. Coordinator Robb suggested the Commission do “goodie bags.”

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Knights of Columbus – Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a kick-off barbecue for their fundraiser from 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 which includes dinner. Their tag days are September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be requesting a storefront. They will be making assignments on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner McCarty noted that she just started working part-time for Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) doing payroll.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Calibraro and seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.**