



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
August 14, 2018
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 7/10/18

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Video & Employment Packet
- B. Captioning
- C. Connections Newsletter
- D. Disability Awareness Month

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Budget
- B. Spring Project/Presentation

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 7/10/18

Department: hhs

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

July DC minutes

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Minutes

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

July 10, 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 7:11pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Seth Goldberg
Michele Ramsey

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon to approve the June 12, 2018 minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Mullinax. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he had received some accessibility complaints from a resident regarding potholes near curb ramps throughout the Village and of a construction sign blocking the sidewalk. He reported the potholes to Public Works who fixed them all within a couple of days. The construction sign was removed via the Engineering Department contacting the contractor to remove the sign from blocking the sidewalk. The resident was delighted that these things were taken care of in such a timely fashion.
2. He also reported that the summer issue of Connections had been published and sent out.
3. Coordinator Robb reviewed six Plan Commission plans for compliance with the Illinois Accessibility Code and provided technical assistance to several business owners. He also met with a restaurant owner who had received a letter from the Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding insufficient barrier removal. Coordinator Robb explained that the Village does not enforce the ADA but rather the accessibility requirements of the Illinois Accessibility

Code but that ADA requirements must still be met. The Commission discussed possible ways that the Village could inform business owners that they are still bound by the requirements of the ADA even though the Village does not enforce the barrier removal rules of the ADA. .

4. He also assisted a resident who had lost his voice due to a rare condition that affects the vocal cords. He instructed him on all the assisted communication services available to speech impaired callers such as Text tele-typewriter (TTY) and Internet Protocol (IP) Relay Service.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Chairman Calibraro reported that a federal report had come out that was very encouraging. Because of the drop in the unemployment rate, more people with disabilities are being hired more frequently and readily than had been true in the past. They have also found that by giving people with disabilities some extra time and training they become better employees, stay on-the-job longer and perform at peak performance.
2. Teachers' Test Prep, which is a one-on-one training for people preparing to take a test had a complaint filed that the training was not closed-captioned for the deaf. They entered into a consent decree with the Department of Justice. Once this has been remedied, there will be additional training, the complainant was awarded \$5,000 with the option to retake the course and be retested.
3. There are a couple of webinars coming up on the Great Lakes ADA's website next week regarding federal employment cases. The following week there will be something about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the way of celebration and highlighting all of the things that have happened in the 28 years since its passage.
4. Yesterday (July 9th) ended the comment period for the Department of Transportation trying to make some changes to their ruling for the Air Carrier Access Act regarding bringing animals on board airplanes.

- C.** Commissioner Klein reported that he had attended a meeting of the North/Northwest Cook County Work Group on May 21st. The topic of discussion was community care for people with disabilities in Illinois. It was noted that 50,000 people are on the PUNS waiting list, 19,000 are actively seeking services and only 500 are chosen every year to receive services. Each individual chosen receives \$60,000/year. Guardians can choose to use the money for in-home services or placement in a 24/7 facility.

He went to another meeting on June 21st and learned that because the budget passed, the pay per hour for personal attendants of those with disabilities went up by \$0.54; with the minimum pay being \$12.00/hr. Retaining employees is an industry-wide problem.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT VIDEO & EMPLOYMENT PACKET

Nothing new to report.

B. CAPTIONING

Coordinator Robb reported that he had received approval for Kevin Corcoran to proceed with putting the Village Board meetings that he records on YouTube and use the function that automatically captions the video. This has been done, but the link to the Village website is still pending. When the program is rolled out Coordinator Robb will inform the Commission.

C. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Chairman Calibraro reported that Connections had been published and mailed out. Coordinator Robb thanked the Commissioners for their articles. The next issue will be in January.

D. FRONTIER DAYS

Commissioner McCarty reported that she had heard from the Frontier Days Parade Chairman that the Commission had won First Place for Creativity in the Non-Commercial category. The Parade Chairman will contact Commissioner McCarty when the plaque is ready to be presented. The American flags were very popular again this year with 1,700 given out along the parade route.

The Commission discussed moving the Reserved Accessible Seating Area for the parade to another location where there is more shade.

E. DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Coordinator Robb will ask Nancy Kluz to do a press release. Commissioners should distribute nomination forms to businesses who employ people with disabilities and solicit nominations.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Coordinator Robb informed the Commission that they would be receiving a survey on boards and commissions from the Village Manager. It should be completed as soon as possible.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mullinax, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.