



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
August 8, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 7/11/17

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Employment Campaign Videos
- B. Job Seekers Employment Packet
- C. Disability Employment Award Outreach
- D. April Presentation
- E. Captioning

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2018 Budget

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 7/11/17

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ATTACHMENTS:

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July DC minutes

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

July 11, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Calibraro called the regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to order at 7:02 pm in Room 183a at the Arlington Heights Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Chairman
Ryan Danzinger
David McCallum
Peg McMahon
Michele Ramsey
Marc Klein
Eva Mullinax

Absent:

Seth Goldberg
Jackie McCarty

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon to approve the June 13, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Danzinger. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that on June 19th he temporarily took over the duties of the Human Services Coordinator due to her retirement. In preparation of Carol Jancek's departure, he met with her several times to go over all the programs she managed including: Emergency Financial Assistance, Park District Scholarship, Nicor Share, Counseling Subsidy, Salvation Army Emergency Assistance, use of the credit card to pay for hotel reservations and utility bills, use of gifts cards, and the client database used to track assistance provided to residents. He also mentioned that the position has been posted and the Village is looking for someone with a LCSW credential.
2. He also reported on some of the instances where financial assistance was provided to residents for various reasons most needing assistance due to job loss. He also discussed how the assistance is meant as a stopgap measure and is not intended to be ongoing.

3. Coordinator Robb said that he received a complaint from a woman who said there were no grab bars in the Women's restroom at a restaurant she was at downtown. He contacted the owner, met with him and inspected the restroom. He found that the Women's Restroom was not accessible as there were no grab bars and there was a cabinet under the sink. In addition, he reported finding that the signage for the Men's and Women's restrooms had been ripped off the wall. When questioned, the owner explained that they are now unisex. Coordinator Robb checked with the Building Department and learned that unisex restrooms are permitted, but restaurants that have only two restrooms it is not permitted. He intends to follow up with the owner.

C. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Commissioner Calibraro reported on the proposal to amend the Air Carriers Act and said the big sticking point will be with regulating comfort dogs and other so-called comfort animals like rabbits and snakes and how this interferes with legitimate service animals of people with disabilities. This was per the article forwarded from the "Accessible Wheelchair Travel Newsletter via www.WheelchairTravel.org."

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN VIDEOS

Commissioner Danzinger said that it is his goal to have something completed by the end of the month.

B. FRONTIER DAYS CARNIVAL & PARADE

Commissioner Danzinger reported that Frontier Days was well attended. He said there were 1000 pre-registrants for the Citizens with Disabilities Day Carnival and Luncheon with Dance Party, but only 700 checked in. Coordinator Robb reported that all the film was used up taking pictures of attendees he and Commissioners; Mullinax, Klein, and McCallum finished it off at the luncheon/dance party. Commissioners continued a recap of all the activities of the Carnival and 4th of July Parade.

Commissioner Danzinger reported that the Commission won 2nd Place theme for non-commercial category in the parade. The theme: "Reading is the Passport." It was a big surprise to all. There were 115 parade entries with about 30 non-commercial entries. Commissioners congratulated each other on the prize and then discussed all the work they had done on past floats throughout the years. Chair Calibraro thanked everyone involved.

Commissioner Danzinger reported that Frontier Days experienced a number of problems with the bus company used from Schaumburg including problems with the wheelchair lift equipped buses. They had problems with schedules, wrong number of buses, buses showing up at wrong times, or not showing up at all.

Coordinator Robb reported that Public Works set-up the 4th of July Reserved Wheelchair Parade Viewing Area that they cordoned off with a white plastic

fence and added 10 Reserved Accessible Parking Spaces. One problem was that the Park District had located their Review Stand in a place on the sidewalk that partially blocked the way to the Wheelchair viewing area. This was noted and will be kept in mind for next year's set-up. The Coordinator reported that Scott Shirley, Public Works Director stopped by and asked how everything was, and offered to do more if needed to accommodate people with disabilities attending the parade. That was much appreciated.

D. NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARD OUTREACH

Coordinator Robb reported that Nancy Kluz posted it through an announcement on the Village web site. It was also mentioned in the Connections Newsletter. Commissioners discussed doing a press release or contacting Ilene Daday to do a write up on the award. Coordinator Robb said that a press release would need to go through Nancy Kluz. Commissioner Danzinger said he would see if the Chamber of Commerce will do an E-Blast.

E. NEW PROJECTS

Chair Calibraro referred to the "new projects" listed in the June 2017 minutes. She said the scholarship has been tried and died so that can be marked off. She suggested combining Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training together. She then mentioned the "Speakers Series" from the past. This led to a discussion of past presentations and workshops. This included mention of presentations on disability awareness laws and talks to parents of children with disabilities regarding estate planning and what to do to get their children prepared to be self-sufficient.

Commissioner McCallum suggested partnering with Ability Links to get more Arlington Heights businesses to post jobs on the abilitylinks.org website. Commissioner Danzinger mentioned the Illinois Department of Commerce offers online employment information for job seekers with disabilities. The Illinois Worknet Center was also mentioned as an employment resource for job seekers. The Commission discussed gathering resources to create a Job Seekers Employment Packet for people with disabilities. This would work to compliment the Business Information Packet used for outreach to businesses.

A Future Financial Planning Presentation covering Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts for parents of children with disabilities was discussed for the future. The Commission hosted presentations by Brian Rubin and Mary Ann Ehlert, in the past. Since the last presentations were done so long ago, there would be a new group of parents who could benefit from such a presentation.

Coordinator Robb will check with Brian Rubin and company about a future presentation in April. This presentation would be held in lieu of the April Commission meeting on April 10th.

Coordinator Robb mentioned that Commissioner McCarty wished to pursue captioning of the archived Village Board Meetings available online that are not currently captioned. These same Board Meetings when originally aired via live broadcasts are closed-captioned. While Kevin Corcoran had explained that there are technical difficulties transferring captions from live broadcasts to the format

used for archived meetings his explanation lacked details. Coordinator Robb explained that per the Americans with Disabilities Act the Village has an obligation to provide accessible services including effective communications to the point where it does not result in an undue financial or administrative burden on the Village. This will require research to learn the technical difficulties and or financial costs, which may prohibit providing the closed captioning.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A.** Coordinator Robb mentioned the email he sent to commissioners advertising the “ADA25 Advancing Leadership” opportunity available to persons with disabilities seeking leadership opportunities to engage in. Applications and nominations are available online at www.ada25chicago.org. He learned of the opportunity from his role with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus ADA Coordinators Group.
- B.** Coordinator Robb also handed out a flyer for the Arlington Cares fundraiser at Metropolis Theater in October.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Danzinger, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.