



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005

June 11, 2024
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 14th, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Announcements
- Commissioner Goldberg: Zoom MTG. with Uber CEO
 - Commissioner Deiter: Awareness meeting at AHML

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Transportation
- SUMMIT
 - Private Pay resources
- B. Frontier Days
- T-Shirts
 - Final Planning/Schedule
- C. Presentations final vote

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Disability employment awareness award
- B. Raising Awareness
- C. Proposal for assigned Research: Chairman Letwat

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Calendar of events
- B. Illinois able details/info/contact

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
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Item: Minutes

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May 14th, 2024 Minutes

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Agreement

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
Health & Human Services Conference Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd, 60005
May 14th 2024
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Commissions of Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Letwat and seconded by Commissioner Calibraro 6:30 p.m. in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sheryl Letwat, Chairman
Seth Goldberg
Eva Mullinax
Roxanne L. Calibraro
Beth Deiter
Jennifer Durkin
Pamela McVoy
Brian Harrison
David McCallum

Also present: Erin Mercado, Liaison, Social Worker, ADA Coord.
Stacey Shein Stapleton, Interpreter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Calibraro to approve amendments of March Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pam McVoy, and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. SETH: ZOOM MTG. WITH UBER CEO OPPORTUNITY
- B. BETH: POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO CO-SPONSOR AH LIBRARY EVENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. TRANSPORTATION SUMMITT

The Commissioners discussed and confirmed there is no scheduled meeting, at this time, for the next Transportation Sub-Committee. Liasion Mercado will keep all informed as updated.

C. TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Liaison Mercado presented information about PACE Pilot Program, RAP which is offered to those who qualify for Paratransit. Commissioner Goldberg and Mullinax discovered and shared additional details about the program

during the meeting. Commissioner Calibraro stated she has heard feedback of frequent use of the PACE Pilot Program in the Chicago area.

Commissioner Goldberg expressed the need for more awareness of those with disabilities and what their transportation needs are. The Commissioners agreed upon a request to continue follow up with the Senior Citizens Commission in relation to learning more about the application process for PACE programs. Liaison Mercado stated she will reach out to Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison to Senior Citizens Commission.

Liaison Mercado informed the Commissioners she was unsuccessfully able to contact Glen Ellyn Social Services.

A new private pay Non-Emergency Medical Transportations Service, WOW, or Wheels on Wheels was mentioned. Liaison Mercado later confirmed their service on a Facebook Business site.

D. FRONTIER DAYS

The Commissioners discussed planning for T-shirts to wear during the event. Information with colors and style choices was passed around for members viewing. Commissioners agreed for Liaison Mercado to look into any extra stock of shirts worn during last year's event and to see if any other providers can be ordered from. There was a discussion about potentially all wearing same color shirt if needed.

The Commissioners jointly discussed and confirmed a pre-registration is required for the group, and led to discussion of adding this information to a social media board post.

E. CAREGIVER PARKING

Commissioner Mullinax suggest writing a proposal as part of continued planning for caregiver's receiving preferential parking services in Arlington Heights. Chairman Letwat added an idea of creating a survey via QR code and sending it to resident, particularly communities known to provide housing for those with disabilities. Commissioner Harrison offered the building he resides as an option for surveys to be sent.

The goal of the surveys is to address the number of challenges people are having with caregivers finding and keeping a parking spot. Ultimately, the Commissioners agreed more data needs to be gathered on caregivers being affected.

Liaison Mercado agreed to ask The Community Nurses Team if they have input or data regarding the number of caregivers they observe or potentially, have a count of, during their Monthly Home Visit Program.

F. SOCIAL MEDIA BOARD

The Commissioners held a conversation about what content would be most helpful and appropriate for a social media posting. In summary, the goal was to promote awareness of the Commissioners being available simultaneously promoting the Disability Days Event.

Also, Commissioner McCallum suggested providing information for individual disabilities for the future.

Liasion Mercado agreed to bring the request for the social media board posting, on behalf of The Commission, to Director James McCalister and Social Services Coordinator, Darren Brown.

G. PRESENTATIONS FALL 2024

Commissioner McVoy received a response from a Lawyer, Steven Raminiak, who specializes in the guardianship process and planning for the future of parents who have children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Chairman Letwat and Commissioner Harrison commented on the importance of the topic. Commissioner McVoy responded she will continue to communicate with Steven Raminiak about his availability.

Liasion Mercado shared an option for HUD Counseling education as an option for a presentation.

Commissioner Deiter commented having a disability is a minority, which can happen to anyone, and subsequently presented the idea of presentation and education for the general community, not just those with disabilities.

Chairman Letwat and Commissioner Durkin implied interest in researching ABLE further.

The Commissioners held a discussion about the best dates for presenters this fall and how important it is to not have conflicting dates with this year's Disability Employment Awareness Award. September 24th and September 25th were The Commission's two favored dates.

Ideas related to marketing and advertising The Presentations Events were shared such as creating a CANVA post, utilizing the VAH website, flyers provided to local schools, Little City, and Clearbrook. The question of the presentation being available on ZOOM was raised. Also, the timeline for reserving a room for the event was stated.

The Commissioners agreed to make final votes on who will be presenting at next month's meeting. Liasion Mercado to add to June agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS AWARD

The Commissioners agreed to start planning the event at the next meeting

B. RAISING AWARENESS

Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Deiter, and Commissioner Goldberg agreed in discussion about raising awareness.

Commissioner Goldberg, brought up participation in the parade as a way to raise awareness and commented that local businesses he visits have provided positive feedback about the past times they were in the parade.

The Commissioners agreed to add the topic of events and raising awareness to next month's agenda.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. JUNE MEETING VOTE

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to hold a June Meeting. The meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of June, the 11th, at 6:30 p.m., per usual date and time.

B. CALENDAR

The Commissioners voice a need for continuing planning in advance for events. Commissioner Deiter suggested creating a calendar/template to assist in keeping track. Commissioner Letwat and Liasion Mercado offered assistance in creating calendar content, including date of when to start planning for future events.

C. DISABILITY EXPO

Commissioner Goldberg provided event information about the Ability Expo, which is taking place at the Schaumburg Renaissance Convention, 551 Thoreau Dr N, Schaumburg, IL 60173, dates 6/21/24 – 6/23/24. Registration is free. [Abilities Expo Chicago - Free Registration](#)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Deiter, and approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



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