



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
May 10, 2016
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 4/12/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities
- B. Building Code
- C. Presentation

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Frontier Days
- B. Connections Newsletter
- C. GiGi's Playhouse

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.



Item: Minutes from 4/12/16

Department: hs

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

April DC minutes

Type

Minutes

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

April 12, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 7:09pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
David McCallum
Michele Ramsey

Absent:

Marc Klein
Eva Mullinax

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Stacy Shein-Stapleton, Sign Language
Interpreter
Pepper Curington, Disability Employment
Initiative/Business and Career Svcs., Inc.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Calibraro to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes as amended per item I. Call to Order, from: “in the Buechner Room” to: “in the Commission Room”, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that the phone calls regarding the disability discount on refuse pickup due to an error in the Groot brochure had finally subsided. He did, however, assist a few residents who qualified for the discount with their application.
2. He also assisted the Environmental Health Officer to help a resident whose home was found “Unapproved for Occupancy” to sell his property and find other housing.
3. He received a referral from the Village Nurse for a resident who can no longer afford to live in his home. Coordinator Robb is assisting him to find the best course of action to help his situation.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Commissioner Calibraro reported that Six Flags Great America has installed two areas inside the park for relieving service animals.

2. The Job Accommodation Network (askjan.org) has a tool that assists employers to set-up their web sites to be more accommodating to people with disabilities who are applying for employment.
3. Chairman Goldberg reported that Great America has altered their Accessibility Pass system this year as well. You will now only have to bring a doctor's letter once to register. Once registered in the system, accessibility passes will be given on each visit without a letter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Commissioner McMahon gave Commissioner Danzinger a list of community organizations that we could approach about signing onto the petition. Commissioner Danzinger will draft a letter to be sent to the organizations on the list and bring it to the May meeting.

B. BUILDING CODE

Coordinator Robb reported that James McCalister, Director of Building and Health Services, suggested that the Commission conduct the survey through the Northwest Municipal Conference. The survey request can be submitted to them and they will present it to their membership. Approval from the Village Manager and Village Attorney would be required before proceeding.

C. SPRING PRESENTATION

Commissioner Danzinger reported that he had spoken with Jim Platt of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the presentation. The question is "How can business make accommodations for people with disabilities?" He would like us to provide a specific example of someone with a disability in a specific job and show what accommodations have been made in order for that person to perform the job. Commissioner McMahon suggested that we present both sides, from the employer's point of view and the employee's point of view. The Commission discussed several options for the format of this type of presentation. Commissioner Danzinger will contact Jim Platt and report again at the May meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner McCallum reported about Gigi's Playhouse's Special Gifts Theatre. Commissioner McMahon suggested that some homework needed to be done before the Commission could offer any support.
- B. Commissioner McCarty reported that an article had been written in the Chicago Tribune about Northwest Community Hospital hiring people with disabilities. She suggested that they might be a good candidate to receive the Disability Employment Awareness Award this year. She will contact the author of the article about a possible nomination.

- C. Chairman Goldberg reported that the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive will be held September 16-17 this year. He has requested just storefronts. All Commissioners are asked to check their calendars and try to participate.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Pepper Curington, Disability Services Manager/Disability Resource Coordinator, at the Unemployment Office in Arlington Heights gave a presentation to the Commission on a new program being offered as part of the Disability Employment Initiative through Business and Career Services, Inc. This program is targeting youth 16-24 years of age and primarily focused on the IT field, but will assist others whose interests lie elsewhere, as well. Participants will receive counseling and training, have access to paid internships, and job placement services.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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