



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
May 9, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 4/12/17

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Employment Campaign Videos
- B. Connections Newsletter

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Frontier Days Carnival & Parade
- B. Disability Employment Award Outreach
- C. New Projects

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 4/12/17

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

April 12, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Goldberg at 7:04pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
Marc Klein
David McCallum
Jackie McCarty
Eva Mullinax
Michele Ramsey

Absent:

Peg McMahon

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Stacy Shein-Stapleton, Sign Language
Interpreter

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he had met with the Senior Center staff regarding more effective communication to patrons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services in order to participate in Senior Center programs. This was the result of a resident not being able to participate in a travel program with a video that was not captioned. The presenter opted to cancel rather than allow an interpreter during the video.

The Senior Center Newsletter will be modified to move the "Disability Accommodation" statement from page 16 to page 2. An asterisk * or other symbol will also mark all Village-sponsored programs/activities with a statement "See Disability Accommodation pg.2" to alert patrons of who to contact should they require auxiliary aids or services in order to participate. The Senior Center Reservation Form was also modified to alert those reserving rooms of their Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) responsibility to provide auxiliary aids and services to participants with disabilities who may require them to participate.

He then met with all the agency directors of all the agencies housed inside the Senior Center. He notified them of the language change on the “Room Reservation Form” regarding the provision of auxiliary aids and services to participants with disabilities and how it may affect them moving forward. He also recommended that they identify who on their staff would be the contact person to arrange auxiliary aids and services should they be requested and that the information should be provided to the public. He noted that the contract for agencies housed in the Senior Center may include the expectations for providing auxiliary aids and services to participants requesting them in the future.

2. Chairman Goldberg asked why the live broadcasts of Board of Trustee meetings were real-time captioned, but the video on the website was not captioned. Coordinator Robb said that he was looking into it and would report back to the Commission at a later date.
3. Coordinator Robb also reported that as Chair of both the Metropolitan Mayors’ Caucus ADA Coordinators Network and the ADA Coordinators’ Network Steering Committee he had made arrangements for the Steering Committee to meet. He also arranged for Robin Jones of the Great Lakes ADA Center to present on the responsibilities of ADA Coordinators per Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act on April 26th.
4. He also assisted a low income couple with disabilities whose lease was not renewed and needed to find a new apartment. He contacted CEDA and also referred them to the website www.hotpads.com. He is also assisting another resident who needs to move from her subsidized apartment to another one. An apartment was found and the low income couple was able to secure the apartment the other tenant will be vacating.
5. Coordinator Robb supplied Fair Housing Amendments Act—Reasonable Modification resources to a condo owner seeking to install a chairlift at her own expense within a common area of the building. Her husband had a stroke and can no longer climb or descend stairs. Condo boards and management companies are required to permit “reasonable modifications” to persons with disabilities within reasonable limits, like having a licensed contractor get the proper permits to perform the work.

C. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Commissioner Calibraro reported that the National Federation of the Blind’s suit with Uber and Lyft, who operate the ride-share programs, agreed on accessibility improvements for their riders. There will be educational components for the drivers and the app is being made easier to use for people with visual impairments. They are also working on issues with drivers picking up riders who use service animals. Uber continues to have complaints filed against them as they are not complying with the consent decree filed last May.

2. The Department of Justice has entered into a consent decree with an Arkansas school district to resolve a Title II complaint that was filed against the district. It was filed by a family who had three children in the school and a family member who has HIV. The children were being denied entrance to school until they were tested for HIV. The children are protected as someone who associates with a person with a disability under the ADA and had to be allowed back into school. They were also awarded compensatory damages in the amount of \$15,000.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION/DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN

Commissioner Danzinger reported that Mindy Phillips now wanted to postpone the presentation that we had been planning for October. She is not responding to phone calls. The Commission has been trying to work with the Chamber of Commerce to put together a presentation on disability employment for Village employers for quite some time now and they do not seem willing to do it. The parameters and timeline keep changing.

The Commission discussed where to go from here. Coordinator Robb suggested that the Commission make a video for the Village access channel that could be viewed by the public. Commissioner Mullinax suggested the Commission host the presentation without the Chamber. Commissioner McCullum suggested that we add representatives from Ability Links. Commissioner Danzinger reminded the Commission that we had discussed having previous winners of the Disability Employment Award talk about employing people with disabilities. Coordinator Robb will talk to Kevin Corcoran about doing a series of videos for the Commission and get an estimate on the cost and report back. The Commission will work on putting together Commissioner Danzinger doing his presentation again having it videotaped for the access channel.

B. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Coordinator Robb asked for editing assistance with Connections. Commissioner Ramsey will be assisting with editing. He will also be sending out etiquette guidelines for writing articles about people with disabilities. The next issue should be published in June.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner McCarty shared an article from the Chicago Tribune about Sedgebrook Assisting Living and their partnership with Miner School to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- B. Chairman Goldberg reported that he had seen an article about Loews in Texas making an accommodation for a veteran with disabilities and used a service dog. They even provided a uniform for the service animal.

- C. Commissioner Danzinger reported that the Arlington Heights Historical Society was going to be hosting several events beginning on April 25th. The focus is going to be on the History of Frontier Days.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Danzinger, seconded by Commissioner McCallum. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.