



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Commissions Room
Village Hall 33 S. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
March 13, 2018
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 2/13/18

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Video & Employment Packet
- B. Captioning
- C. Connections Newsletter
- D. April Presentation by Brian Rubin

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Frontier Days - Parade
- B. Sponsorship of Citizens with Disabilities Day

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 2/13/18

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**VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
Minutes from February 13, 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 7:07 pm in the Buechner Room.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Chair
Seth Goldberg
Marc Klein
David McCallum
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
Michele Ramsey
Eva Mullinax (arrived late)

Absent:

Also Present:

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

III. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner McCallum to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

Coordinator Robb reported that starting in January monthly reports are no longer required as they are being replaced with quarterly reports and an interim monthly bullet report.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Chairman Calibraro reported that the Uber lawsuit is pending in Federal Court and will probably take about seven years to resolve. She has observed from email updates that Uber is responding quickly to accessibility complaints filed on the www.ada.gov website per the consent decree with the National Federation for the Blind. A person coming home from a ski trip was denied service because of having guide dog. They filed a complaint and the driver was immediately fired. Complaints are getting resolved quickly.
2. Delta Airlines decided to start requiring passengers with disabilities flying with service animals and emotional support animals to pre-register at least 48-hours in advance and requiring a meeting with airline staff prior to departure. This is being implemented because of so-called “emotional support animals”

being out of control and attacking other passengers onboard. For seasoned travelers with disabilities accustomed to traveling with their service animals without such impositions this causes many inconveniences such as not being able to do curb side check in and other amenities afforded to travelers without disabilities. Other airlines, such as United, have come up with better plans not requiring such inconveniences.

3. A discussion ensued about the Uber lawsuit filed by Access Living from Chicago and other Wheelchair Accessible Transportation resources were discussed. Coordinator Robb will email Commissioners transportation brochures listing all the transportation programs available throughout the area.

C. NORTH AND NW COOK & LAKE COUNTY WORKGROUP UPDATE

Commissioner Klein reported that he plans to attend the North Cook & Lake County Workgroup meeting in Northbrook. He also reported on the Employment and Economic Opportunity for People with Disabilities (EEOPD) Task Force. The taskforce was created by the General Assembly in 2009 to determine what changes were needed to remove barriers to competitive employment and economic opportunities for people with disabilities as Illinois. In 2013, the Illinois Legislature declared Illinois an “Employment First State.” Employment First States make it a priority to promote integrated competitive employment first for people with developmental disabilities, verses outcomes of subminimum wage employment. The unemployment rate for people with disabilities in Illinois is over 16%, three times the unemployment rate in general. This does not include 400,000 not in the workforce and another 14,000 earning subminimum wages.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT VIDEO

Coordinator Robb reported that he reached out to Cheryl Eisner, Rehabilitation Counselor Supervisor with the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services in Arlington Heights. She advised that their office contracts with job placement agencies like Clearbrook and others and they have their own job placement professional, Phyllis Laycock. Ms. Laycock was on vacation this week, but plans to be at the Commission’s March meeting to talk about her duties as a Job Placement Specialist.

B. JOB SEEKERS EMPLOYMENT PACKET

Nothing new was reported. This agenda item goes hand in hand with the Disability Employment video agenda item.

C. CAPTIONING

Coordinator Robb reported that he has been authorized to research the costs of adding captioning to the online videos of Village Board Meeting. He was supplied the names of those involved including Caption First, Kevin Corcoran, and Swagit who puts the videos online. He spoke with Roy Graves of Caption

First who suggested that there are several ways to add captions to the online videos. Mr. Graves will need to check the equipment and speak with Swagit to identify how to do it and prepare a cost comparison of the various options available to add captioning to the online videos.

D. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Coordinator Robb handed out drafts of the Connections Newsletter. Commissioners suggested edits, including the addition of articles submitted but not included in the draft. All articles will be included in the finished version.

E. APRIL PRESENTATION BY BRIAN RUBIN

Coordinator Robb confirmed with Stacy Shein-Stapleton is booked to Interpret at the April Presentation along with another Sign Language interpreter. Commissioner McCarty mentioned the contact list created by Commissioner McMahan for outreach. NSSEO (Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization) acts as a clearinghouse to all the schools in the area and would be a great resource in helping to get the word out about the upcoming presentation. Brian Selders at Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) was also mentioned as a great resource to get the word out as they distribute information to seventeen Park Districts. Coordinator Robb will ask these two agencies if they will distribute the information on behalf of the Commission to get the word out.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Coordinator Robb reported that Frontier Days forwarded a letter to Seth Goldberg seeking the Commission's Sponsorship once again for the Citizens with Disabilities Day Festival 2018. Commissioner Goldberg read the letter aloud. The Disability Carnival will be on Saturday, June 30th and the Parade will be on Wednesday, July 4th. The Commission will add "Citizens with Disabilities Day Sponsorship" to their March Agenda. www.Frontierdays.org

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.