



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

March 12, 2019
7:00 PM

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- A. Frontier Days Activities

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Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
3/12/2019

Item: Minutes from 02/12/19

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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

February 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Calibraro at 7:15 pm in the Commissions Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Chairman
Seth Goldberg
Marc Klein
Jackie McCarty
Eva Mullinax
Peg McMahon
Michele Ramsey

Absent:

David McCallum

Also Present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Mullinax. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) Robb reported doing an Illinois Accessibility Code review of the Arlington 425 project. It is a large project with three buildings facing three different streets along Highland, Campbell, and Chestnut Avenues. There is a total of 361 apartments. The Highland building is 13 stories. The first six stories is a parking garage. A driveway runs in between and under the building facing Campbell Street and will be used as a drop off and passenger loading zone. The renderings for the project can be seen online on the Village website. The DSC also supplied comments per the Federal Fair Housing Act's Accessibility Guidelines which pertain to all public and common use areas and seven requirements that apply to all 361 units per the elevators in the buildings.

He also met with Robin Ward, Village Attorney, to call Swagit to discuss closed captioning options for the live stream of Village Board Meetings.

2. He also reported that he had 28 inquiries for information and referral including several people seeking information for college funding options and scholarships. One of the many links listed the [CareerOneStop](#) with a list of over 8,000 scholarships on that site alone. Another resource was to the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which provides a plethora of useful links including the College Scorecard, to compare colleges nationwide online at: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>.

3. He also reported that the Housing Authority of Cook County opened their online waitlist for Goedke House at 215 W. Miner Street in Arlington Heights. He helped a resident with disabilities apply.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Chairman Calibraro reported that the Federal Communication Commission is seeking public comment regarding captioning for video description.
2. A one day forum for Fair Housing on the design requirements with Doug Anderson at the Access Board in Washington D.C.
3. Commissioner Goldberg reported on a disability law suit settlement for Key West, Florida due to a lack of captioning of broadcasts of public meetings, including broadcast commission meetings.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CAPTIONING

Coordinator Robb reported that he asked Village administration about captioning the live streaming video of Village Board Meetings. Swagit is the company that handles the Village website with live streaming video of the Board Meetings. Robin Ward, Village Attorney scheduled a telephone call with Swagit to discuss adding closed captioning to the live stream video. Swagit submitted a proposal requiring the purchase of equipment at a one-time cost of \$14,000 plus a \$200 per month administrative fee. This would be in addition to the cost of the Captionist we already have at a cost of \$300 per meeting. Swagit also supplied a website where examples of their online streaming video with closed captioning could be viewed, albeit not a live version, but an archived one.

Kevin Corcoran, Village Video Producer supplied information to the Village about the EnCaption Machine black box that is an automated captioning device that WGN News uses now instead of a live Captionist. Kevin reported that the EnCaption Machine has a one-time setup fee of \$1500 plus an \$800 per month service fee for a one year term. The EnCaption Machine appears to be the better value based on cost.

Coordinator Robb asked Commissioners to help by going online and watching the live stream WGN News cast with closed captioning and to supply their feedback at the next meeting.

Commissioner Goldberg mentioned that he watched WGN news on TV and was impressed with the quality compared to another prominent news station he has watched. He suggested watching other stations as well for comparison.

B. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Coordinator Robb reported that he has six pages done. He has two pages left to complete it and to finalize the presentation speaker before it is complete.

The Spring Presentation overlaps with the newsletter per advertising the event in the newsletter. He reported that Bradley Gerlach a Social Security Attorney reached out to him and was interested in doing a presentation of the Social Security Disability application process, redeterminations, and appeals. He has worked extensively with people with serious mental illness. He also does criminal law and family law. His office is Palatine on Northwest Highway.

C. SPRING PROJECT/PRESENTATION

Coordinator Robb reported that with the Federal Government shutdown he has not heard back from Linda Mastandrea's Office at FEMA. Therefore he will pursue arranging a spring presentation with Attorney Bradley Gerlach on Social Security Disability Applications. The Commission agreed that it would be an interesting topic and asked Coordinator Robb to set it up.

D. COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAPTIONING

Chair Calibraro mentioned that community awareness is always important. This agenda item pertains to businesses with televisions for their patrons viewing to turn "on" the closed captioning function upon request. Commissioner Goldberg reported contacting XSport Fitness the day after the last commission meeting in follow up to resident Corey Axelrod's complaint about them not turning on their TV's closed captioning when he asked. Per Commissioner Goldberg, Management is looking into the matter and will get back to him. Commissioner Goldberg also reported that he went to the Fox and Hound Restaurant in Schaumburg and asked them to turn on the closed captioning which they did on three more television sets near his group. Management also offered to display anything the Commission has to notify patrons to request closed captioning when needed.

Commissioners discussed ideas for displaying a notice advising patrons of the availability for closed captioning to be turned "on" upon request on televisions. Ideas included stickers, like a vehicle sticker to be affixed to glass doors or windows at the entrance, table tents with the Commission's logo and other notifications that closed captioning (CC) is available upon request.

Coordinator Robb said that he could check with the Village's Purchasing Agent on the vendor used for Village vehicle stickers. He could come design something to be used and include Closed Captioning's "CC" symbol the message and perhaps the Commission's logo and or the Village logo. He will also make a request to Village administration concerning this effort by the Commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. SPONSORSHIP OF DISABILITY CARNIVAL

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon, to sponsor the Citizens with Disabilities Day Carnival for \$1,000.00, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McMahon reported that she spoke with the Knights of Columbus and explained what the Commission does. They offered to help the Commission with commission projects. Commissioners discussed increasing the amount given in sponsorship of the carnival and the implications of doing so.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. COMMISSION SURVEY

Chair Calibraro reported that she and Coordinator Robb met with Randy Recklaus, Village Manager, and James McCalister, Health and Human Services Director to discuss the results of the Commission Survey. She thought the meeting was very positive and that the commission fulfills its role of addressing the needs and concerns of citizens with disabilities by their participation in activities and events. Also via the Connections newsletter. She reported that collaboration with other commissions may be explored for future initiatives.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Goldberg reported that he is attending the Heart of Gold Award on Saturday. Allen and Laurel Katz will be receiving the Pam Stocking Heart of Gold Award. He also reported that his friend Brian Harrison was interviewed by the Mayor and may be appointed to the Commission. Commissioner McCarty mentioned she knows Brian as well.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Mullinax. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.