



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

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
March 8, 2016
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 2/16/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Citizens with Disabilities Day Carnival Sponsorship

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 2/16/16

Department: Health Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Feb DC minutes	Minutes

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

February 16, 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 7:06pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax

Absent

Michele Ramsey
Mark Klein

Also Present:

Doris Strom, Resident
David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Stacey Shein-Stapleton, Sign Language
Interpreter

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Calibraro to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes as amended per item I. Call to Order, from: “was called to order by Chair Goldberg” to: “was called to order by Acting Chair Danzinger”, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

Coordinator Robb reported that he had assisted two residents with disabilities in jeopardy of becoming homeless; apply for subsidized housing, through CEDA’s Rental Housing Support program.

He also assisted an elderly resident victimized by his live-in renter who purportedly stole \$5,000 from the senior. A Police report was filed and Adult Protective Services opened a case with the senior.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Commissioner Calibraro reported that there was a settlement between the Department of Justice and Greyhound Bus. They will be training their employees to use equipment needed to assist passengers with disabilities and were fined \$75,000.

She also reported that the builder of a three year old building in Evanston is being sued for not being accessible. They have agreed to a settlement and will be retrofitting the building and common areas over the next few years to be accessible to people with disabilities. Some financial settlements were also made.

Commissioner Calibraro also reported that she had listened to a webinar regarding the definitions of services animals and how they are covered under ADA.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Coordinator Robb submitted a memo to James McCalister with more information regarding the treaty. After discussion with the Village Manager, it was suggested that the Commission do some grass roots outreach to community service agencies that assist people with disabilities and ask for their support instead of signing onto the treaty. The Commission discussed the best approach to doing the outreach. Commissioner McMahon will research a list of service agencies for the next meeting.

B. **BUILDING CODE**

Coordinator Robb reported that he had nothing new to report regarding surveying other towns and villages. Commissioner Danzinger asked how the Commission could assist in completing a survey. Coordinator Robb will come up with a series of questions to ask when surveying other towns/villages so that Commissioners could complete the survey.

C. **SPRING PRESENTATION**

Coordinator Robb reported contacting the Health and Disability Advocates Center. They were thrilled about a presentation but would like to partner with the Progress Center. They would like to cover benefits and how they work with Progress Center's employment initiative. It was also suggested that we do training with our Chamber of Commerce on "dispelling the myths about hiring people with disabilities." They would require an honorarium of \$200-300.

The Commission discussed whether to focus on "employees" or "employers". The Commission agreed that the best direction for the April presentation would be to businesses. Commissioner Danzinger will contact Jim Platt from the Chamber to see what their schedule looks like. Coordinator Robb will contact the Health and Disability Advocate Center and tell them what our focus for the presentation will be.

Commissioner Danzinger passed around a mock-up of a card that could be given to businesses highlighting a few benefits of hiring people with disabilities and referencing our website for more information. A supply will be printed for the Commission's use after approval. He also noted that a Chamber to Chamber event was being held on March 9, 2016 from 4:00 – 7:00pm at the Cotillion in Palatine. If we would like to buy a table the cost is \$225.

A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the purchase of a table for \$225 at the Chamber to Chamber event on March 9, 2016 at the Cotillion in Palatine, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the printing of the postcard handouts for businesses to promote the hiring of people with disabilities,

pending approval by the Village, not to exceed \$100, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Goldberg reported that a letter had been received from Frontier Days regarding our sponsorship of Disability Days. This item will be added to the agenda for the March meeting. The theme of this year's parade will be "Exploring Parks Adventures".

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Coordinator Robb reported that the Chicago Auto Show had a stock model SUV that was wheelchair accessible.
- B. Chairman Goldberg reported that Stevie Wonder presented an award at the Grammys and finally was able to announce the winner as the card was printed in Braille.
- C. Coordinator Robb reported that he had received an article for "Connections" from Northwest Central Dispatch regarding their ability to receive "9-1-1 texts" from cellular users including the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community in Arlington Heights.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Danzinger seconded by Commissioner Calibraro. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.