



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
February 16, 2016
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 1/12/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 1/12/16

Department: Health Services

Minutes from 1/12/16

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
January Disability minutes	Minutes

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

January 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 7:02pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ryan Danzinger, Acting Chair
Roxanne Calibraro
Mark Klein
Jackie McCarty
Michele Ramsey
Eva Mullinax

Absent

Seth Goldberg, Chair
Peg McMahon

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey and seconded by Commissioner Calibraro to accept minutes as written. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported supplying mental health resources to several residents including a family who felt threatened by their adult son after he became violent. A referral was made to Alexian Center for Mental Health, the Northwest suburban chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Health (NAMI), the Illinois Department of Mental Health, and to the Depression and Bipolar Alliance. Also a link called "Okay to Talk." All programs are geared towards recovery.
2. Police Officer Radek sought information for a veteran regarding his rights to have a therapy dog at his apartment. Officer Radek was supplied "reasonable accommodation" information covered by the Federal Fair Housing Act.
3. ADA Barrier removal information was supplied to an Arlington Heights business owner and to Jim Platt of the Chamber of Commerce. There is a new 2010 ADA Checklist for identifying barriers that may exist in a business. The checklist is online at: <http://www.adachecklist.org>. The ADA is enforced by the Cook County Commission of Human Rights, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Tax Credits are available to businesses undertaking alterations to removal barriers when a building existed before the passage of the ADA in 1990. This information is online at <http://www.ada.gov/taxcred.htm>.

4. There is a new online resource where viewers may find a current listing of all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Open Waiting lists for subsidized housing. This is great news for people with disabilities trying to live on \$733/per month Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The online site is at: <http://affordablehousingonline.com>.
5. The Coordinator gave an update on the man with the traumatic brain injury who he helped finding an apartment subsidized by CEDA's Rental Housing Support Program. The man had been living in substandard housing with no hot water and thermostat set at 60 degrees because he could not afford to pay the heat bill. He is now living in his own subsidized apartment with heat included and is very grateful to the Village for helping him be in a place that has hot water, is warm, and affordable.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Commissioner Calibraro reported that Equipped for Equality, the Protection and Advocacy Agency for Illinois, via attorney Barry Taylor with other law firms sued the Department of Corrections for how inmates with mental illness are treated. As a result of the decision four new Mental Health facilities will be built throughout the State to house inmates with mental illness to provide appropriate mental health services and supports including hospitalizations. For those in solitary confinement, the time out of their cells will be increased from one hour a day to twenty hours a week. The money has been mandated per Sheriff Tom Dart.

Under the ADA 2010 Revision, there was updated information to make the internet accessible to everyone including screen readers and other technology by providing accessible formats. The compliance date has been pushed back to 2018. There are petitions to get this to go forward. The problem is that internet access was not so prevalent when the ADFA was passed.

In the State of Oregon there was a consent decree signed to allow citizens with disabilities earning a sub-minimum wage to be paid a regular salary at a community based work place.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Acting Chair Danzinger mentioned Robin Ward's email that sought a summary for review by the Village Manager. Coordinator Robb outlined how he would compose a memo for this purpose.

B. BUILDING CODE

Coordinator Robb reported that in preparation to design a survey he looked online at Schaumburg, Palatine, and Skokie. Of those three, all had adopted the International Building Code and left the Accessibility Chapter intact. Skokie's Code also adopted the Illinois Accessibility Code by amendment and added it to their Accessibility Chapter.

C. SPRING PRESENTATION

Coordinator Robb reported that he had not yet contacted the State in follow up to their initial discussion for a spring presentation. He will also check with Health & Disability Advocates (www.hdadvocates.org) to see if someone from their agency would be available to present on Illinois Medicaid Buy-In Program for workers with disabilities. The State offers a new Benefits Planning Program.

D. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN

Commissioner Danzinger reported contacting Jim Platt of the Chamber of Commerce about hosting a job fair in the fall. He wants to get a Chamber Calendar to plot out events commissioners can attend. This will allow commissioners a face to face meeting with businesses to get the word out. It is cumbersome to carry the Business Information Packets to events, and it would be handy to have a business card with internet addresses of where the Commission's Business Information Packet is available online. A business card will need to be designed for this purpose.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. BUDGET

The 2016 Calendar Year Budget was approved as requested. It runs from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Coordinator Robb reminded the Commission that the February Meeting was moved to the third Tuesday of the month on February 16, 2016.
- B. Commissioner Calibraro announced that she finished her term on the Metra ADA Advisory Committee and has finished as Chair where she served for five years. She also applied and was accepted to serve on the Regional Transportation Authority's Advisory Board. She is a voting member of the Board and invited Commissioners to give her input on any transportation issues in the region.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Calibraro seconded by Commissioner Mullinax. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.