



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room, 1st Floor

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
February 10, 2015
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from the 12/09/14 meeting

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Employment Campaign
- B. Building Code (5 minutes)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Treaty
- B. Disabilities Day Sponsorship

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 the 12/09/14 meeting

Department: Health Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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

December 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 7:09 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Corey Axelrod
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
Marc Klein
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax

Absent:

Jim Ludwig

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Stacy Shein, Stapleton, Sign Language
Interpreter
Rick Riedl, Arlington Heights Resident

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Calibraro to approve the November 12, 2014 minutes, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he has been doing a lot of research on the Money Follows the Person program. In 2005 the Budget Reconciliation Act said that money needed to be moved from nursing homes so that people with disabilities could live in the community. It is a federal law requiring all states to rebalance and reallocate a portion of their Demonstration Program (Medicaid) funding away from nursing homes and given to people with disabilities now living in institutions so that they can live freely in the community with the supports necessary. The demonstration programs only last until 2016, but the wave of the country is heading in this direction and this will probably become a permanent program because it is cost-effective. In Illinois the Department of Human and Family Services heads up the Money Follows the Person project.
2. He also reported that the Village receives about \$400-500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds which the Village distributes to several agencies in the community.
3. Coordinator Robb reported that he had created a new tool for measuring the clear knee space on the lavatory sinks in public restrooms. He made a

template that can he can slide under the sink if the clear knee space is in compliance.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Commissioner Calibraro reported that the Department of Justice and Department of Education entered into an agreement requiring uniform learning materials in accessible formats. Details can be found at www.ada.gov.
2. She also reported that the Department of Justice and Peapod entered into a consent decree because of Peapod's website's being inaccessible to people with sensory disabilities. This includes an appointed monitor to oversee and review this activity.
3. Commissioner Klein reported on a new piece of Federal legislation that creates savings accounts for people with disabilities, to invest up to \$14,000/year tax free. Any income generated from this account is also tax free. It is similar to a college savings account and there is a medical qualification.
4. Commissioner Axelrod reported that the Department of Justice is imposing new rules requiring movie theaters to provide devices for closed captioning and audio descriptions of what is happening during the movies being shown. The National Association of the Deaf is working with the Hearing Loss Association of America and several other national organizations, along with the National Association of Theater Owners to come together to make recommendations to be submitted to the Department of Justice. We should see some progress made on this in the next couple weeks.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN

Commissioner Danzinger reported that he had e-mailed Jim Platt of the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce regarding scheduling the Disability Employment presentation. They are currently working on their schedule for 2015 and will take a look to see where it might fit in best. He will follow-up with him again in about a month.

B. BUILDING CODE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that he had started to compile the information collected from previous meetings and what was discussed. He will finalize the information and share it at a future meeting.
2. Commissioner Danzinger reported that Kane County enforces Chapter 11 of the Accessibility Code of the International Building Code on all new construction. In addition, they are also enforcing the Illinois Accessibility Code and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing Act construction guidelines. They also enforce 5 or 6 other international building codes. His next step will be to look at how well this plan is working.
3. Commissioner Axelrod reported that Montgomery County in Maryland has a "Design to Life" program which is a voluntary certification program for visitability and livability in single family attached and detached homes in Montgomery County, Maryland. The guidelines are attached to both new construction and renovated homes. There are three basic design elements: 1)

at least one no-step entry located at the front, back or side door and there must be a deck or through the garage connected to an accessible route to a place to visit on that level; 2) 32 inch or 2 feet x 10 feet clear width interior doors; 3) a usable powder room or bathroom. Tax credits are offered to builders who build to this certification and permit costs are waived.

4. Commissioner Klein reported that in Wilmette a group of residents had formed a group called Wilmette Cares because they believe there is a need for affordable and accessible housing in the community. They surveyed the community and found a lot of evidence supporting this need.

This group is presenting ideas and recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the form of pamphlets. Examples have been e-mailed to commissioners.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Coordinator Robb distributed copies of the preliminary budget that he and Chairman Goldberg had worked on. Coordinator Robb explained that the budget was pro-rated to cover 8 months because the Village is moving to a calendar instead of a fiscal year. In 2016, the full budget will be returned with a 2-3% increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the Proposed 2015 Budget, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Danzinger reported that he had done some more research on The Convention on the International Rights of Persons with Disabilities treaty. Over 800 organizations across the United States support this treaty including the National Association for the Deaf and the National Association for the Blind. He will send a link to Coordinator Robb to forward to the Commission for review. Possible support will be discussed at the next meeting.
- B. The “Connections” newsletter will be going out in January. Coordinator Robb will be writing about all of the new programs and welcomed articles from Commissioners as well.
- C. Coordinator Robb reported that there was a Governor’s Conference on Aging and Disability in Chicago starting on December 10th at the Marriott downtown.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Danzinger and seconded by Commissioner Calibraro. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.