



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
January 10, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 12/13/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Building Code
- B. Presentation/Disability Employment Campaign
- C. Articles for Connections Newsletter

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Up Development – Heart's Place Presentation

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 12/13/16

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ATTACHMENTS:

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

December 13, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Goldberg at 7:05 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Roxanne Calibraro
Ryan Danzinger
Marc Klein
David McCallum
Jackie McCarty
Michele Ramsey

Absent

Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax

Also Present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Danzinger to approve the November 15, 2016 minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported per a request from the Village Traffic Engineer, he inspected a condominium parking lot being resurfaced. He noted several locations where curb ramps were needed. He conveyed this information via an onsite walk-through with the condo board president, contractor, and Traffic Engineer.
2. He also reported that in follow up to the two accessibility complaints from last month the restaurant had submitted plans for a permit to install a curb ramp and shift their accessible parking spaces closer to the entrance. The medical office building modification for the outside wheelchair lift was pending but the building owner has installed updated \$250 Fine signs for the Accessible Reserved Parking Spaces.
3. Coordinator Robb reported researching local trolley companies that have wheelchair lift-equipped trolleys. He found two. One in Chicago and one in Bensenville.

4. He attended a meeting at the North Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO). Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) was rolling out a new customized employment pilot program for job seekers with developmental disabilities receiving Prioritization of Urgent Needs (PUNs) services through the Illinois Department of Developmental Disabilities. JVS's Employment Engagement Manager, Rich Henquinet and colleague stressed an urgent need to find 20 eligible people, per the grant's stringent time frame for accomplishments.
5. Coordinator Robb met with a mother and her adult son who is on the autism spectrum. He offered them information on alternate housing options. The family had sought Village permission to add heat and plumbing to their garage so their son could have his own living quarters on the property but separate from the house. The Village does not permit separate living quarters on the same lot. The coordinator also supplied the mother with transportation resources available in Arlington Heights which they didn't know existed.
6. The Coordinator also supplied information and referral resources to two other families whose children are on the autism spectrum. Harper College offers a new Cohort Program specifically designed to provide the unique supports needed by students on the autism spectrum to have success at college. He also supplied respite program information to a single mom whose child's severe behavioral reaction to her environment at home and in the community requires constant supervision, which has left the mom without needed time to herself. The State of Illinois has defunded their Respite Program, but Clearbrook's Open Door Program provides emergency respite funds to families in need.
7. The Coordinator learned that the Veteran's Administration (VA) maintains a listing of "accredited" Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) and unless an agency is listed as an accredited VSO, consumers are cautioned to beware. Such agencies portray themselves as affiliated with the VA but aren't and then try to sell unsuspecting veterans and/or their spouses other financial products such as annuities. An accredited VSO should be used for help in applying for the "Aid and Attendance Program" which provides attendant care funding to veterans and/or their surviving spouse. This funding is available to veterans who have served during times of war and their spouses.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Commissioner Calibraro reported that the Job Accommodation Network has issued a workplace accommodation toolkit for employers to use and it covers everything from advertising jobs, interviewing, workplace issues, recruiting, hiring, training, and employing people with disabilities. It is available online at: www.askjan.org/toolkit.
2. She also reported on an amendment to Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which deals with movies, Closed Captioning (CC) and Audio Description. The new rule becomes effective January 17, 2017. In theaters where digital presentations are being done equipment must be available to people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, and with visual

impairments in order that they are able to participate fully in the digital presentation. The presentations must be captioned and described.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Coordinator Robb reported that the Budget Request for 2017 was approved. The Budget was adopted on December 5, 2016 for the same amount as last year.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARTICLES for CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Chairman Goldberg opened the discussion. Coordinator Robb reported that he has received four articles including from Commissioners: Goldberg, Klein, McCallum, and McMahon. Commissioner Calibraro said she is working on hers. The deadline is December 31st with the next edition going out in the New Year.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A.** Chairman Goldberg reported receiving an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new theater in Arlington Heights. He explained that for Closed Captioning the theater provides a tripod device that fits into the cup holder and is programed with closed captioning for the movie being viewed. It is a personal captioning device for patrons who are Deaf or hard of hearing.
- B.** Commissioner Danzinger reported he attended the Ribbon Cutting at the theater and reported that there will be different screenings of movies for people with different types of disabilities including one with low-volume, one where lights will be “on” during the movie for people with sensory sensitivities. The special screens will be held and advertised every four to six weeks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Danzinger seconded by Commissioner McCallum. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.