



Agenda  
Village of Arlington Heights  
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
Buechner Room-33 S. Arlington Hts. Rd., AH

September 13, 2022  
7:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes from August 9, 2022

**IV. REPORTS**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Disability Employment Award
- B. Presentation
- C. Knights of Columbus
- D. Captioning

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
9/13/2022**

**Item:** Minutes from August 9, 2022

**Department:** Health and Human Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

Minutes

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

**August 9, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Ramsey at 7:03 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Michele Ramsey, Chairman  
Roxanne Calibraro  
Seth Goldberg  
Brian Harrison  
David McCallum  
Jackie McCarty  
Peg McMahon  
Eva Mullinax  
Sheryl Letwat

**Absent:**

**Also Present:**

Nicole Espinoza, Social Services Coordinator  
Charlotte Obodzinski, Chair of the Bike and  
Pedestrian Safety Commission  
Stacy Shein-Stapleton, ASL Interpreter

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Calibraro to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg. Motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE**

1. Coordinator Espinoza reported that Ryan Danzinger reported that there were 700 attendees at the Disability Carnival. He also said that they are well funded as it is a very popular event and a lot of people want to be a part of it. With sponsorship from us and many others they will be able to continue having the event for many years to come. He also noted that Frontier Days had trouble recruiting volunteers in all areas except the Disability Carnival.
2. She also reported that they are still searching for an appropriate candidate for the social work position.

**B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE**

1. Commissioner Calibraro reported that a settlement had come down between the Department of Justice and Uber. Uber had been charging people a fee if they took too long to get into the vehicle. This is a problem for people with disabilities who may need more time to maneuver themselves into the vehicle. This is not allowed and Uber will be refunding these fees to the people who have been charged.

2. She also reported that she had still not yet seen a theme for Disability Awareness Month (October) which is usually announced in July.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARD**

Coordinator Espinoza reported that the award would be presented on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The paper and electronic nomination form has been e-mailed to the Commission. She has been working with the Communications Director on marketing. There will be a social media post and she is also going to try to get it into the e-newsletter and possibly other media outlets. The Communications Director suggested we consider shorting the name for next year. Commissioner Goldberg asked if this had been published yet because it has been circulated two months in advance in the past. The Commission discussed extending the deadline to allow for more time since we are already into August and the deadline is usually August 31<sup>st</sup>. It was decided that a few days wouldn't make much difference so the deadline would remain the same.

### **B. DISABILITY TRAINING**

Commissioner Calibraro reported that she had contacted Brian Rubin's office and that they had us on the calendar for a Future Financial Planning presentation on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 PM. She noted that the Commission needs to decide the format whether it would be in person or on Zoom and the location. Commissioner Harrison suggested that we do a hybrid of both and let the attendees decide how they want to attend. Coordinator Espinoza noted that the Senior Center was the best equipped to do both. It was agreed to do the hybrid at the Senior Center. Coordinator Espinoza will check the Senior Center room availability for that date. She will work with the Communications Director on publicity once we have the details in place. Commissioner Goldberg noted that two interpreters would be needed for a hybrid.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Ramsey introduced Charlotte Obodzinski, Chairman of the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Commission who came to address some concerns that the Commission had regarding safety for pedestrians sharing the sidewalks with bike riders. Chairman Ramsey noted that Commissioner Goldberg had experienced people on bikes speeding by pedestrians in the downtown area and Commissioner Calibraro noted that she had also experienced bicycles passing her without warning and startling her guide dog. There is also a problem at the Starbucks with bikers dropping their bikes and blocking the sidewalk. Ms. Obodzinski reported that this has been an ongoing problem and that the police had increased their presence on bikes and have made increased efforts at enforcement in the past in the downtown area. She will bring these concerns to Russ Mendell, the Arlington Heights Police Department liaison. Commissioner Mullinax suggested that some kind of education as to the "Rules of the Road" for bicycles be made available. Ms. Obodzinski noted that they have offered a bike safety course together with the Police Department with incentives offered for completing the course. Commissioner Mullinax asked about the possibility of additional bike racks in the downtown area. Commissioner Goldberg noted that any additional bike racks would need to leave an open path for wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, and walkers with guide dogs. Coordinator

Espinoza suggested a flyer as a reminder to young riders to keep the sidewalks clear. It was agreed that education was probably the best solution to these safety issues.

Commissioner McCallum brought up some of the same concerns at Lake Arlington. Commissioner McMahon reported that the signage had been replaced and that it was universal so that it would be understood by non-English speakers. Coordinator Espinoza reported that the concerns of the Commission at Lake Arlington had been passed on to the Park District.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A.** Commissioner McCallum reported that there needs to be a drop off area for people with mobility issues at the Al Fresco dining in the downtown area. Commissioner Goldberg noted that there are a couple of drop off areas and explained where they are. Signage is needed to indicate where the drop off areas are.
- B.** Coordinator Espinoza reported that Knights of Columbus had reached out to get information about the Commission collecting on September 16-17, 2022. They would like us to commit to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Supplies can be picked up on the 15<sup>th</sup>. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We are requesting the Northpoint Jewel again.
- C.** She also reported that Caption First, the captioning service used by the Village informed them of a price increase. The Village wanted to know if this is a service that is still needed. Commissioner Goldberg gave a history of captioning of the Village Board meetings and noted that live captioning is the most accurate. Coordinator Espinoza asked if there was another source. Stacy-Shein Stapleton will give her some options.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner McMahon seconded by Commissioner Harrison. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.**