



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH, IL 60005
August 13, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from July 9, 2019

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. September Presentation/Spring Project
- B. Community Awareness Captioning
- C. Disability Employer Award

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Disability Celebration

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
8/13/2019

Item: Minutes from July 9, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes from July 9, 2019

Type

Minutes

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

July 9, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roxanne Calibraro called the regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to order at 7:08 pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Absent

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Stay Shein-Stapleton, American Sign Language Interpreter

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner McMahon motioned to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that Social Services assisted a desperate family in need obtain subsidized housing. The "House to Home" agency fully furnished the apartment with coordinated furnishing for each room including artwork and pictures for the walls. The furnishings were very nice and the family was thrilled with the agency's gift to them.
2. A condominium complex and several Village Departments received instruction on the differences between Accessible Parking required by the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) verses Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) accessible parking reserved for the sole use of individual residents with disabilities. The two types are distinct and should not be comingled or overlapped as was done at the condominium complex. Police have authorization to enforce IAC Accessible Parking Spaces and it is best to have a towing company enforce FHAA reserved spaces. To avoid confusion, FHAA reserved parking should not use IAC signage or pavement striping unless needed by the resident with disabilities.

3. Coordinator Robb suggested a new sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility and arrow pointing to the location of the Accessible Parking Spaces on the first floor of the Village Garage, in response to a complaint he received.
4. Coordinator Robb participated in an Emergency Operations Plan regional exercise that simulated a multicity weather disaster across the region. Six communities participated and responded to ongoing community challenges posed to them throughout the exercise. He participated per his role as Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator.
5. The Coordinator finished and mailed the Summer Edition of the Connections Newsletter.

B. OTHER REPORTS

1. Commissioner Goldberg reported that on June 20, 2019 the United States Olympic Committee changed its name to the United States Olympics and Paralympics Committee (USOPC).
2. Commissioner McCallum reported that he worked at the Abilities Expo assembling packages and registering people for the event. He mentioned vendors participating and the activities held throughout the Expo. He attended several of the shows and was quite impressed with everything available to help people with disabilities.

C. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

1. Chair Calibraro, reported that an airline employee, sensitive to heat, worked remotely from home in Chicago for a Texas Airline. She worked from home per an accommodation from the Airline because of her heat sensitivity. Another company bought out the Airline. The new employer changed the essential functions of the job requiring employees to work onsite in Texas. The Seventh Circuit agreed with the Airlines even though the employee had worked from home for years.
2. Another employment case involved a 600-pound bus driver, fired because he could not do his job due to his weight. His attorney argued that the ADA should apply to his extreme obesity requiring disability accommodations. The Seventh Circuit includes Chicago.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. SPRING PROJECT/PRESENTATION – SEPTEMBER

Coordinator Robb reported that Lisa Danna-Brennan from the Chicago HUD Office agreed to present on September 18, 2019 in the Board Room at Village Hall. Coordinator Robb will request a press release and will reach out to Commission Liaisons to the Senior and Housing Commissions and post an online registration form. He will also advertise it through the Northwest Suburban Municipal Conference to share with their Housing, Senior, and Disability Commissions.

Coordinator Robb reminded the Commission that the Social Security Disability Attorney Bradley Gerlach is still interested in presenting. Coordinator Robb will contact him, schedule a Spring Presentation in April, and ask if he has any promotional materials for the Commission to see.

B. COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAPTIONING

Coordinator Robb reported on the 4-inch-by-4-inch sticker he designed to inform customers that Closed Captioning (CC) is available upon request. He also suggested a smaller sticker to place on televisions as well. Stickers will be “disability blue.” The plan is to have Commissioners distribute the stickers to Arlington Heights businesses and explain their function, use, and intent. He will move to have 100 stickers made.

Commissioner Ramsey reported that she and Commissioner McMahon are drafting an explanation for table tents to explain the Closed Captioning stickers to train and remind staff. Coordinator Robb will forward the sticker design to the Commissioners for feedback.

C. FRONTIER DAYS ACTIVITIES

Commissioner McCarty reported the Parade was a big success. She received an email request from a resident of Lambs Farm whose dream was to ride in the parade. The Lambs Farm resident’s dream came true as she rode in the Parade Car giving out American Flags and tipping her hat to the Red, White, and Blue. She and her adopted family were thrilled. Commissioners handed out two thousand flags along the parade route. Commissioners reported how strenuous it was to hand out the flags and discussed other means of carrying the flags and or getting younger people to help next year.

Commissioner Goldberg reported that the Fourth of July falls on Saturday next year, meaning the Disability Carnival will be on Friday. The turnout for Friday is often larger than other days because more people get off work for the day before. He also reported that Buttons the Clown missed due to sickness in his family. Buttons has been at the Carnival since its start 44 years ago.

He also reported that the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities received second place in the Parade for the Noncommercial category. He also policed the reserved seating area at the concerts in the evenings.

Commissioner McCarty reported that some people complained to her that they were being restricted from riding the rides because there was no adults with them and there were no restrains on the ride. The Commission does not have any say in how the Carnival operates their rides. Carnival staff donate their time for the Disability Carnival.

Only two wheelchair users sat in the Parade Reserved Wheelchair Viewing Area located at Arlington Heights Memorial Library. Patrons with disabilities used all ten additional Reserved Accessible Parking Spaces provided. Coordinator Robb policed both areas.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYER AWARD

Coordinator Robb encouraged Commissioners to seek nominations by visiting Arlington Heights establishments to meet with owners and managers face to face to advertise the award and to encourage self –nominations. This was the approach that was successful with Peggy Kinnane’s and Culver’s Restaurants.

Commissioners discussed several downtown restaurants and other places that employ people with disabilities and their plans to reach out to them.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Chair Calibraro referred to the “Review of Boards and Commissions Memo” received via email on survey results and the 60-page report. Several Commissioners reported reading the report/memo and discussed its impact moving forward.
- B. Coordinator Robb reported that due to the observance of Yom Kippur the Commission meeting for Tuesday October 8 will be on Thursday October 10 instead. Commissioners Ramsey and McCarty will not be able to attend.
- C. The Knights of Columbus contacted Commissioner Goldberg. The Tootsie Roll fund raising drive is on September 20 and 21. He asked for Northpoint Jewel. Coordinator Robb will create a signup sheet for volunteer time slots. There was full coverage of the time slots last year.
- D. Commissioner Goldberg reported that he met with Village Manager Randy Recklaus, Mayor Hayes and Acting Police Chief Pecora about hosting a Disability Parade in Arlington Heights. The question is who will sponsor it? Coordinator Robb reported that Village Manager Recklaus suggested starting with a; disability block party celebration in downtown Arlington Heights as a first step in identifying supporters and groups interested in participating. This is New Business for the August Agenda.
- E. Chair Calibraro introduced her new Guide Dog named Nifty. He is 21 months old and she has had him for two weeks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.