



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room

June 11, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from May 14, 2019

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- A. Connections Newsletter - Did You Know Section
- B. Spring Project/Presentation
- C. Community Awareness Captioning
- D. Frontier Days

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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
6/11/2019**

Item: Minutes from May 14, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

minutes

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Minutes

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

May 14, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Chair
Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax
David McCallum
Michele Ramsey

Absent:

Seth Goldberg
Marc Klein
Jackie McCarty
Brian Harrison

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MULLINAX TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2019 MINUTES AS WRITTEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported that on April 11, 2019 he hosted three students and a parent/chaperone for World of Work Day. He gave an overview of Disability Services and pointed out accessible features of Village Hall.
2. Also on April 11, 2019 the Coordinator Robb with Staff Assistant Nancy Cardella greeted new Trustees; Trustee Mary Beth Canty and Trustee Tom Schwingbeck. They gave an overview of Social Services and including Disability Services.
3. The Disabilities Service Coordinator and Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities hosted Linda Mastandrea, Director of the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination at the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) on April 11, 2019. She presented on her office's strategy to incorporate a culture of disability inclusion across all levels of FEMA's response to help persons with disabilities before, during, and after disasters.
4. On April 24, 2019 the Disability Service Coordinator attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus's ADA25 Advancing Leadership Meeting in Chicago. The group met to discuss the best approaches to promote the integration of promising young adults with disabilities into corporate America and to serve on government and nonprofit boards and commissions.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Chairman Calibraro reported that on May 22, 2019 the Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC) is hosting an Access to Healthcare under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) webinar presented by Barry Taylor, Attorney from Equip for Equality who is very good presenter. To register go online to www.ada.gov. There have recently been several new Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) settlements involving employers including a Walmart suit for not providing a reasonable accommodation. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has settled a Greyhound case that has been going on for years. Greyhound has paid out over \$3 million for noncompliance with the ADA.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Chair Calibraro asked if there was any new articles submitted for the Connections Newsletter. None have been submitted. Chair Calibraro will write an article on the Northwest Housing Partnership's new Handy Man Program available in several communities. Fees are on a sliding scale based on income for home repairs needed by senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Articles are due by June 1, 2019. Coordinator Robb will send out an email reminder to alert commissioners of the need.

B. SPRING PROJECT/PRESENTATION

Chair Calibraro learned that to get help from FEMA the Governor needs to make a disaster declaration. Commissioner McMahon mentioned that she spoke with Rodney Garrett, FEMA's Disability Integration Advisor for the Chicagoland Region. He wished to learn more about the Village's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Coordinator Robb said that he would share information at the MRC Meeting he was attending in Mt. Prospect later in the week.

Coordinator Robb mentioned that he reached out to a colleague from the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) who is General Council for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at HUD. Coordinator Robb will contact her to see if she would be available to do a presentation on Fair Housing at the Village in October.

C. COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAPTIONING

Chairman Calibraro mentioned the [Seattle news article](#) Coordinator Robb shared with Commissioners via email, per Commissioner Goldberg's request. The new law requires all public accommodations to keep closed captioning turned on T.V. or face being fined. Commissioner McMahon suggested sharing the article with public accommodations in Arlington Heights as the article is from the perspective of business owners and those benefitting from the article.

Commissioner Ramsey volunteered to paraphrase the article for the Connections Newsletter.

C. FRONTIER DAYS ACTIVITIES

Coordinator Robb reported that the 4th of July Parade is on Thursday July 4th at 10:00 am. The theme this year is: "Hats off to America." Coordinator Robb

reported that Commissioner McCarty is ordering American Flags from the American Legend. We have film, hats, and flags. Shirts are needed for Commissioner Brian Harrison and Commissioner Ramsey needs a woman sized shirt instead of the men's 3X she got last year.

Commissioner Ramsey volunteered to shop online for red, white, and blue patriotic hats and to get at least a dozen or more in case we have extra people marching.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

Chair Calibraro mentioned the Village's Human Services Directory that was once available. Coordinator Robb reported that the Health Department use to have one and updated it every two years. It was difficult to keep up to date. Commissioner Ramsey mentioned Wheeling Townships Information Guide that provides information about township Programs and Services. Commissioner McMahon suggested including an information section in the Connections Newsletter such as a "Did You Know Resource Corner." It would highlight a program or service people may not know exists. Commissioner McMahon offered to include articles for that section should others have suggestions for programs or services. Coordinator Robb suggested the Social Security Administration's website where one can find a link to www.Benefits.gov. The Benefit.com website has a benefit finder survey one can take for themselves or on behalf of someone else. At the completion of the survey a resource list is generated of all the local agencies with addresses and phone numbers to programs and services people may be eligible to receive.

Commissioners discussed having a "Did You Know," Section in the Connections Newsletter. Commissioner McMahon offered to write the section.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Chair Calibraro reminded commissioners to submit their economic disclosure statements to Coordinator Robb for the Village Clerk.
- B. Chair Calibraro urged Commissioners to talk to business owners directly, who employ people with disabilities, to encourage them to nominate their business for the Commission's annual Disability Employment Awareness Award.
- C. Chairman Calibraro reported on her navigation through the downtown street work being done and reported that all the workers have been very helpful to her in helping her navigate street crossings and sidewalks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMSEY. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.