



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

April 12, 2022
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from February 8, 2022

IV. REPORTS

- A. Social Services Update
- B. Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Awareness Presentation
- B. Connections Newsletter
- C. Festival - Disability Carnival and Parade

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
4/12/2022**

Item: Minutes from February 8, 2022

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from February 8, 2022	Minutes

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

Draft – February 8, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chair, Michele Ramsey at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent: None

Also Present:

David Robb, Board Liaison - Disability Services Coordinator

American Sign Language Interpreter:

Stacy Shein-Stapleton

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) Robb reported meeting over the telephone with Professor Yochi Eisenberg from the University of Illinois Chicago. The Professor is developing an online tool using Google Maps to assess ADA compliance in the public right-of-way for pedestrians with disabilities. The tool with curb ramps and determines the level of compliance to rank the severity of noncompliance and need for repair. This helps to prioritize needed repairs. He was referred by the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus.

He filled in for the Social Services Coordinator who was out of the office for over a week. He also reviewed two building plans for accessibility. One review was for an alteration of a building being converted into a private school facility. The school planned to construct a playground and planned to use mulch as the surface material. While mulch has a good fall shock absorbency rating at a depth of at least 14 inches it often fails the test of providing a stable, firm, and slip resistant surface for wheelchair access without proper and timely maintenance of the mulch. While allowed it is not the best application for wheelchair accessibility on playgrounds. The ADA allows mulch/woodchips but must be maintained to comply.

Commissioner Calibraro reported that there has been a number of complaints that people can't sign up to get a COVID appointment, their testing kits, due to lack of accessibility

features on the internet, when using screen readers and for people who have trouble using a computer mouse. There has been a number of settlements usually with big stores.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Coordinator Robb reported that the new date is March 2 at 3:00 p.m. It will be from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., in Room 183 at the Senior Center. It is open to the public but people need to register. An email blast will go out tomorrow February 9, including to the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Board of Trustees. It will also be posted on the Village's Social Media Accounts. Coordinator Robb created a registration form, that can be filled out online indicating whether the registrant wishes to attend in person or online via Zoom. If they wish to attend via Zoom, they need to supply their email address to receive further instruction to join the training. We will use the Health Department's Zoom account and Coordinator Robb will run the Zoom. The in-person training costs \$850 verses a cost of \$700 for a remote online Zoom training. They agreed to do the in-person training. The Commission's Community Awareness fund can be used to cover the cost.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon to use \$850 from the Community Awareness Fund to pay for the training. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

B. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Coordinator Robb handed out draft copies of the Connections Newsletter. He explained that the holdup had been in finalizing the date of the training before adding the link to the JJ's List Registration form. He added one page to the draft. There is approximately 400 people on the mailing list.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES DAY SPONSORSHIP

Coordinator Robb reported receiving a letter and a phone call from Cathy Puchalski, Sponsor Coordinator for Frontier Days seeking to have the Commission sponsor the Citizens with Disabilities Day event in the amount of \$1,000, as the Commission has done in past years. They are planning to hold the event and if things would change, they would return the unused check to the Commission. The event runs from Thursday, June 30 to Monday, July 4.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCarty to sponsor the Citizens with Disabilities Day Carnival and seconded by Commissioner Letwat. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner McMahon reported that in downtown Naperville there is a new restaurant by the name of Phoenix Coffee Shop that employs people with

disabilities. It is part of the Awesome Life Academy. They have pictorial menus and other pictograms used to help people in ordering.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Goldberg, seconded by Commissioner Mullinax. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.