



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

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
April 12, 2016
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 3/08/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities
- B. Building Code
- C. Spring Presentation

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 3/08/16

Department: Health

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

March DC Minutes

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Minutes

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

March 8, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chair Goldberg at 7:14pm in the Buechner Room at Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Seth Goldberg, Chairman
Roxanne Calibraro
Jackie McCarty
Peg McMahon
Eva Mullinax
Michele Ramsey
Mark Klein
Dave McCallum

Absent

Ryan Danzinger

Also Present:

David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator
Sara Lucas, Sign Language Interpreter

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Calibraro to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. DISABILITY SERVICES UPDATE

1. Coordinator Robb reported helping a number of residents with disabilities get the services they needed.
2. He also reported that he received numerous calls from residents with disabilities seeking a disability discount on their refuse pickup as a result of the new Groot brochure they had received. A number of the residents opted to be added to the "Connections Newsletter" mailing list.
3. Coordinator Robb was also successful in finding subsidized housing for two residents in imminent risk of becoming homeless, had the housing not been found by February 28th. The men moved out of their old market rate apartment a day before the deadline and signed a lease for a new subsidized apartment starting March 1st.
4. He also reported that a resident he had been assisting was evaluated and found to be in need of 24/7 skilled nursing care. Chicago agencies will assist in finding a nursing home for the senior in need of 24 hour care.
5. He was also able to assist a resident whose home was found "Unapproved for Occupancy" get a State ID card and U.S. Post Office Box.

6. Coordinator Robb reported writing and submitting a memo on behalf of the Commission to James McCalister, Director of Building and Health Services, seeking authorization to sign a United Nations Convention on the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities Treaty, petition. Director McCalister via the Manager's Office redirected and encouraged the Commission to undertake a grass roots effort to get the word out locally to disability organizations to encourage them to sign onto the petition.

B. DISABILITY LAW UPDATE

Commissioner Calibraro reminded Commissioners that they should review www.ada.gov in addition to Robin Jones at DBTAC's site as there are a lot of updates on new cases, consent decrees, and things happening within the disability world.

She also reported that a lawsuit was filed against the owners of "Two Men and a Truck Moving Company." It was filed in a southern state as a violation of Title III of ADA. Movers refused to move household belongings because the owner had Hepatitis C.

Commissioner Calibraro also reported that the EEOC is looking for public comment on a new rule that would require Federal agencies to have 12% of their employees be comprised of employees with disabilities. This includes all levels of employment. Comments should be made by April 25th.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONVENTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

With the absence of Commissioner Danzinger, there was nothing new to discuss.

B. BUILDING CODE

Coordinator Robb reported finding that the Illinois Capital Development Board has a listing of adopted building codes used by each jurisdiction in the State of Illinois. It also lists contacts for each jurisdiction. The Commission had a lengthy discussion about surveying of other communities.

C. SPRING PRESENTATION

Coordinator Robb reported that he had contacted the Health and Disability Advocacy Center and spoke with Laura Gallagher Watkin who asked for some tentative dates for our Presentation. Coordinator Robb informed them that the Commission wanted to make the presentation to local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Danzinger contacted Jim Platt from the Chamber, but did not get a definitive answer about the possibility of the presentation.

Coordinator Robb mentioned that he had been invited to join the ADA 25 Task Force of the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Committee in Chicago. They have a website that lists the Chicagoland Business Leaders Network (CBLN). Their mission is to have employers sign on to make disability inclusion a competitive advantage in promoting the employment of people with disabilities. CBLN covers the entire Chicago Metropolitan area and is funded by the Chicagoland

Chamber of Commerce of which the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce is a member. Employers pay a membership fee to become a member. He suggested exploring making a connection to help promote the employment of people with disabilities.

Since no definitive plan is in place at this point, the Commission agreed to postpone the presentation until the fall.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Goldberg reported that a letter had been received from Frontier Days regarding our sponsorship of Disability Days. Commissioner McMahon reminded Commissioners that we need better participation in the fund-raising required to maintain our sponsorship of Disability Days.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon to sponsor the 2016 Disability Days at Frontier Days, seconded by Commissioner McCarty. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Coordinator Robb reported that the postcard that was designed to be handed out to businesses directing them to more information regarding the hiring of people with disabilities had been approved with the addition of the Village logo.
- B. Chairman Goldberg reported that the business expo that was scheduled for tomorrow, March 9th would have a very low turnout. The sponsors, therefore, did not feel right about accepting our fee for a booth and returned it to us. We will not be manning a booth for that reason.
- C. Chairman Goldberg reported that he had attended a conference sponsored by JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) in Chicago. The conference was for businesses on providing strategies for inclusive workplaces. There were about 125 Chicago businesses in attendance.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner McMahon seconded by Commissioner Calibraro. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.