



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

January 11, 2022
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from November 9, 2021

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Disability Awareness Presentation
- B. Connections Newsletter

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
1/11/2022**

Item: Minutes from November 9, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from November 9, 2021	Minutes

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

Draft - November 9, 2021

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, Jackie McCarty, Roxanne Calibraro, Brian Harrison, Sheryl Letwat, Eva Mullinax, Peg McMahon and Seth Goldberg

Absent:

David McCallum

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 Calibraro to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Letwat. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) Robb reported that a resident who is 98 ½ years old and still living on her own in the community wished to donate a Closed Circuit (CC) T.V. as it is no longer needed. CCTV's magnify written text to allow people with low vision to read the enlarged text. The device was donated to a 66-year old gentleman who does need it. The DSC picked up the device and delivered it to the man in need.

A Health Department colleague asked the DSC to research how to apply for missed property tax exemptions not taken in previous years. The DSC learned that senior citizens who missed applying for exemptions can go back 3 years and claim their exemptions by submitting a "Certificate of Error" with the Assessor's Office. One can go online to the Assessor's Office website and see if any exemptions were missed. Fill out the form and get a rebate.

On October 7 the DSC did an "Accessibility Hour" at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On October 14 the DSC met remotely via Microsoft Teams with two people from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). CMAP is a quasigovernmental agency that works with all communities in Cook County and collar counties throughout

the region. CMAP is working on an ADA implementation plan and recently posted a position for an ADA Regional Coordinator to work with communities to help them get their ADA Self Evaluations and Transition Plans up to date.

On October 22 the DSC had the privilege of delivering “the Cake” to Clearbrook in celebration of their receipt of the Commission’s 2021 Disability Employment Awareness Award. Clearbrook staff were thrilled to receive the cake and the award.

Commissioner Calibraro reported that there have been a number of consent decrees. The Department of Justice entered into a consent decree with “Right Aid,” a pharmaceutical company because their website for vaccination sign ups was not accessible. It did not work with screen readers nor with some mouse/pointers used by other people with disabilities.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS AWARD

Commissioner McCarty reported that there was a big write up in the Daily Herald on Friday October 29 that included a large picture of everyone. Commissioner Harrison also reported seeing it posted on Facebook.

B. CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Coordinator Robb reported that he has been working on the newsletter but has no articles from commissioners. Three of eight pages are done. The main theme for this edition is on scams, but other articles may be submitted, to give the newsletter a little variety. Commissioner’s should submit articles they wish to include in the newsletter.

C. Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser

Commissioner McCarty reported that about \$800 to \$900 was collected on the Friday. Other commissioners commented that we were lucky to be the only ones collecting at the storefront this year as compared to last year. The Knights usually host an event at their Hall around the Holidays to distribute checks and or they will mail them out.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. Disability Awareness Training

Coordinator Robb reported that he was involved with a review of disability accommodations internally. Part of the goal was to host a disability awareness sensitivity training to staff. Of several agencies considered, JJ’s List was selected and did a remote training to Department Directors. The training was well received by the Directors. A 2022 strategic goal of the Health and Human Services Department is to host a disability awareness training to the public. The DSC checked with Traicia Luzadder of JJ’s List they charge a fee of \$850 in person or \$700 remotely for a remote training. Trisia will check with “the players” who typically do presentations from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To see if any are interested going later from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The Senior Center’s day ends at 4:30 p.m. Therefore, we could schedule a presentation outside their regular business hours from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

JJ's List training is an interactive presentation where each Player talks about themselves and they do some role playing with the audience. It is an interactive experience. There is a 7-minute video the Coordinator will share with commissioners. The DSC checked with the Senior Center. Wednesday March 9, was tentatively reserved for the presentation. He will need to confirm with Tricia Luzadder on the date, time, and location. We could advertise it through the Connections Newsletter, Daily Herald, Social Media, Senior Center and to local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce. We would require registration for the presentation but walk-ins would also be welcomed.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Ramsey opened discussion on opting to meet socially instead of formally meeting in December. Commissioners discussed several options and decided to meet at the Passero Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. on December 14. Commissioners should bring a wrapped white elephant gift to give away for the grab bag activity. White elephant means something you already have at home that you no longer want or need that you wrap up to give away as a present for the grab bag activity.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.