

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH
DISABILITIES
TUESDAY, May 13TH, 2025
6:30 P.M.
BUECHNER CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Commission of Citizens with Disabilities was called order by Commissioner Durkin at 6:32 p.m. in the Buechner Room at the Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Roxanne Calibraro, Commissioner
Eva Mullinax, Commissioner
David R. McCallum, Commissioner
Brian Harrison, Commissioner
Pam McVoy, Commissioner
Beth Deiter, Commissioner
Jennifer Durkin, Chairman

Also Present: Hannah Kane, Liaison
TreWan Collins, Health & Human Services

Absent: Seth Goldberg, Commissioner

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and agreed upon the Commissioner to approve the minutes of March 11th, 2025 Commissions for Citizens with Disabilities Meeting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Update from Liaison
Liaison Hannah Kane shared with the Commission the ADA Complaints that she received from residents. One of the complaints came from Crescent Place off of Rand Rd in Arlington Heights, the doors are too heavy for anyone to operate she has tried to get in contact with the property manager and was unsuccessful in getting a response from the property, which has led to The Village sending a violation letter to the apartment complex. Another complaint was from a private condo association company within the community, some residents are having difficulty getting from the parking lot to the complex. The condo building has built a railing along with a ramp for residents to access the parking lot and the complex with ease if they are wheelchair-bound or unable to use the steps.

B. Chairman Appointed

Jennifer Durkin was appointed as Chairman for the Commission; All Commissioners congratulated her. Jennifer is ready to take on the new role as Chairman for the Commission and is eager to learn Roberts Laws in order to ensure the success of the Commission with the help with the Commissioners.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Goals

Chairmen Durkin revised the three goals that the Commission agreed upon, one of those goals was "The Community Recognition Award". Each Commissioner had the assignment to go home and write a prompt for the award to be marketed, two drafts were sent to Hannah Kane. The Commission decided to combine both written prompts together in order to post them on our Village Social Media page and get the ball rolling for the award. Going forward The Commission is to touch base on ideas and try to combine them together in order to make this happen by the end of June.

Having an ADA public speaker for the year was another one of the Commission's goals. Commissioner Calibraro brought up how we have had Peter Burg who works at UI Health he also supervises the entire university; they could be a good source for an ADA speaker. Commissioner Calibraro also stated that The Commission needs to find someone that "won't do it by the seat of their pants, someone that does this every day and that can field the questions". Noted challenges in getting the business owners to engage. Commissioner Calibraro says in her experience it's been easier to get business owners to attend these events in the morning rather than in the afternoon. The Commission wants to consider having two ADA speakers one for business and another one for the public.

Commissioner McVoy suggested that the Commission has someone who works in the Social Security Office come speak at an event to inform parents how the approval/denial process works. Commissioner Roxanne agreed that it was a great idea because a lot of parents just don't know how to apply or where to go to start the process. Chairman Durkin also suggested a Q/A session with a speaker from The Village, to discuss parking around Alfresco and ADA Accessibility for people with disabilities.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Frontier Days

All Commissioners had the responsibility of coming up with questions for there survey that they were going to have at Frontier Days. Not everyone was able to complete the assignment due to concerns about The Commission not having a table at the event this year. Tre Collins offered to hold hard copies and pass out the survey as a solution. The Commission took the time to just brainstorm a few questions for the next meeting, one question was "What is the age range of you? or the person you know with a disability." Liaison Hannah Kane informed The Commissioners that there is Construction at the Park District this year so the event has limited space. Unfortunately, this is the reason why The Commission is

unable to have a table at the event this year. The majority of The Commissioners will be able to attend Frontier Days which is on July 5th from 9 am-11 am.

C. Identify and discuss Federal Actions

Liaison Hannah Kane shared with The Commissioners that she attended training through Access Living, they gave a wonderful presentation on what happens on the federal level when comes to the disabled community and ADA. Chairmen Durkin offered other resources called 5 Calls.com where you can register and discuss the issues in your community with your local senate.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was to adjourn by Commissioner Calibraro, Seconded by Commissioner Harris, and approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.