

Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities  
*MINUTES*  
January 7, 2009

Voting Members Present: Joan Baltusis, Allison Fennell, Kevin Hynes, Judi Buckman, Carrie Noe, Nancy Lullo, Laurie Jerue, Mary Wright, Diane Fleischel

Student Members Present: Gia Landi, Schuyler Bates, Mitch Behna

Staff Present: Dan DiSanto, Marita Manning

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Baltusis at 7:03pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hynes motioned to approve the December minutes. Commissioner Noe seconded the motion.
- III. Introduction of New Commissioners: Chairperson Baltusis introduced new Commissioners Jennie Gates, Diane Fleischel, Peter Berg and Mary Wright
- IV. Public Forum: None
- V. Communications received: None
- VI. Old Business:
  - a. Commissioner Fennell distributed the Commissioners' Informational Packet to the Commission and detailed its contents.
  - b. Commissioner Hynes reported to the Commission regarding the Developmental Disabilities Town Hall Meeting, held in Wheaton on December 8, 2008. Commissioner Hynes informed the Commissioners that there was a large audience at the Town Hall Meeting and that the IL Blueprint was discussed. Town Hall Meetings are to be held in other areas of the state as well.
  - c. Staff Member DiSanto reported to the Commission the status of the submission of the Commission to the Strategic Planning meeting to be held on January 12, 2009. Commissioner Jerue and Staff Member DiSanto worked on the language to be used in the submission. Staff Member DiSanto will report to the Commission regarding the decisions of the City Council during the Strategic Planning meeting.
  - d. Staff Member DiSanto provided an update on the current status of the ADA Coordinator position.
  - e. Commissioner Wright reported to the Commission that she would assist Staff Member DiSanto in contacting a Park District representative to join a Commission meeting regarding the new bathhouse and family swim times for families with children with disabilities.
- VII. New Business:
  - a. Commissioner Noe reported to the Commission the status of the Disability Fair planned for May 2009.
    - i. Funding for the fair
      1. The Commission has applied for SECA funds
      2. The Commissioners debated having a registration fee to cover additional costs of the fair. The Commissioners agreed to have a sponsorship opportunity for interested businesses or individuals.
    - ii. Size of the fair

1. Commissioner Noe and Chairperson Baltusis determined the maximum number of vendors/organizations would be 50.
2. In the event that more than 50 vendors/organizations completed the registration materials within a timely manner, then the Commission would determine which vendors/organizations would be represented at the fair.

iii. Volunteers

1. Commissioner Noe asked the Commission for 2 volunteers to assist in the planning and logistics of the fair.
  2. Commissioner Buckman agreed to participate in the planning and logistics of the fair as part of the Commission Subcommittee.
  3. Student Member Schuyler Bates agreed to assist with the computer work and mailing on behalf of the Subcommittee.
  4. Community volunteer Kathi Foxen will assist as needed on behalf of the Subcommittee.
- b. Staff Member DiSanto reported to the Commission regarding the concerns of the residents of Katherine Manor from the October 2008 meeting. Information will be forwarded to the residents by Commissioner Fennell.
- c. Staff Member DiSanto reported that Kim Grabel, from TAB, informed him that the audible pedestrian signals are operational at Chicago and Ellsworth streets in downtown Naperville. The Commission will be asked for input regarding that signal and future audible pedestrian signal locations.
- d. Commissioner Hynes reported to the Commission that information regarding Accessible Parking tag information for private vehicles is available online through the Naperville City website.

VIII. Adjournment: Commissioner Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Commissioner Hynes seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Fennell  
Secretary