

Advisory Commission on Disabilities
Minutes
June 3, 2009

Commission Members Present: Joan Baltusis, Peter Berg, Judi Buckman, Diane Fleischel, Kathe Foxen, Kevin Hynes, Laurie Jerue, Carrie Noe and Mary Wright

Student Members Present: None

Staff: Marita Manning, Accessibility Coordinator

Others: Cindi Swanson, Anna Marie Kissel, Cindi Swanson, Crys Hum, Sherry and Michael Healey, Steve Cope (City of Naperville), Jennifer Runested (City of Naperville), Jerry Kochurka (Ribfest), Dave Harrington (Ribfest Chair), Patrick Berthold (Ribfest Logistics) Katie Sepe (Naperville Park District);

Absent: Nancy Lullo.

- I. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Introduction of visitors.
- III. Approval of the May Minutes.
Motion by Joan Baltusis and second by Kevin Hynes. All voted to approve.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Kevin Hynes and seconded by Joan Baltusis. All voted to approve.
- V. Public forum
 - A. Ribfest

Chairman Berg stated he and Marita attended meeting on June 2, 2009 with Ribfest people. Came to resolution on most issues discussed at last month's meeting. Steve Cope stated the intent is to do the best we can. Went over memorandum given to City by MACPD on concerns about Ribfest. Will send electronic copy to Marita to forward to Berg.

 - 1) Accessible seating area– Seating is clear line of sight. Will divide area into two with one closer to main stage. Enforce two person limit in front where limited space but no limit on number of companions in back. Will be first come first served. Seating area is not raised because stage itself is raised.
 - 2) Accessible entrance/Accessibility from outside park – intent that all entrances are accessible, however, since they are turf and if it rains, there will be challenges. Try to do best to make it safe and passable for everyone. Accessible drop off area on West Street with accessible shuttle service will be available from All Saints parking lot. This allows more buses to run on shorter route. Clarification on entrance on West Street – is it for anyone or just disabled. Families of disabled can enter. Anyone can use any entrance.
 - 3) Interpreters – will be interpreter for main stage and will be on the stage and captured on screen. TVs will be in back area. List of interpreters available on Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission. Request for interpreter for second stage was not known to Exchange Club prior to

meeting. Thought that if someone made special request within 72 hour period, Exchange Club would do their best to accommodate that request.

4) Location of Accessible Area - Reason that accessible area is close to police and fire is for safety as well as for convenience because they are information center and by the loading zone.

5) Access to park vendors – Aisles are supposed to be clear and open. Allow people to go from different seating areas all through the park. There should not be any problem or obstacles.

6) Accessible Portable toilets – will make note for future to show on map with symbol. If there are regular toilets, there will be accessible toilets. Legend said accessible toilets, but not shown on map.

7) Other Comments - Keep record of accessibility requests. Quiet zone will be established in barn also another one first aid area with a cot for those who need to take a break. Carnival starting hour earlier or less crowded area – is not possible this year because of contractual obligations, may be addressed in future Training for volunteers. 3100 volunteers of varying levels. Will have information signs (white on blue) so people know where to get assistance. Commission expressed it's appreciation for work city and Exchange Club have done to improve accessibility.

- B. Cindi Swanson – was at Planning Commission where Turning Pointe discussed. Topic is on agenda for later. Swanson unaware as she did not receive agenda in advance.
 - C. Other business. Berg and Manning met with Mayor on May 29, 2009. Mayor expressed support for committee and willingness to fill any vacant positions. Mayor to send letter to council naming Berg as chair of committee and informing them of Manning's new title. Also materials on planning special events will go out to council members next week.
- VI. Old Business:
- A. Update on Turning Pointe. Last month Jerue was directed to write letter to Mayor of concerns. Several drafts were written. Current version read aloud. Commissioners discussed letter and pre-approved sending letter. Discussion on whether city council is copied. Manning stated Mayor will decide if council is copied.
 - B. Strategic Plan Initiative
A subcommittee meeting was held. Draft distributed. Survey residents via website, paper version or relay system middle August or September. Asked for feedback by June 20, 2009.
 - C. Naper Settlement
Clarification of procedure for requesting accommodation at Naper Settlement. Will invite Peggy Frank to next meeting.

D. Other

Question as to what actual name of commission is (Mayor's Advisory Commission or Naperville Advisory Commission). Kevin Hynes read from Title 2 of Municipal Code. 2-16-1 Purpose and Creation – "hereby established an advisory commission on disabilities to assist, inform and advise the administrative and elected officials of the city on all matters pertaining to discrimination against individuals with disabilities."

VII. Communications received:

- A. E-mail from resident who went to Loehmann's at Springbrook Pavilion claiming store not in compliance with eight pounds for push/pull exterior doors.
- B. Oswego based company notified Manning they have real time closed captioning services. Berg stated hold onto information in case need service at later point. Question about whether any video content needs to be captioned, Berg replied affirmatively that it does.
- C. Phone call from group home resident in DuPage county regarding parking own vehicle overnight on street in Naperville. Manning to follow up for more information.

VIII. New Business

- A. July Meeting question whether necessary. Things to discuss so will have meeting. Suggestion for changing date to July 8, 2009. Baltusis moved to change date to July 8, 2009. Second by Judi Buckman. Manning to check on room availability.
- B. Other – Kevin Hynes stated he will submit his resignation tomorrow as he is pursuing dream of moving to California to work on writing television shows. Proud of work done on commission.
- C. Presentation to Joan Baltusis of box of chocolate candy for her leadership.

VIII. Announcements

The next meeting will be July 8, 2009

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Hynes moved to adjourn.
Commissioner Kathe Foxen seconded.
Vote taken. All were in favor of adjourning.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.