

## Naperville Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities (ACD)

September 2, 2009 – LL Room C – 7 pm

Commission Members Present: Joan Baltusis, Judi Buckman, Victoria Carlson, Kathe Foxen, Laurie Jerue, Carrie Noe, Victoria Perrault and Mary Wright

Student Members Present: None

Staff: Marita Manning, Accessibility Coordinator

Others: Dave Harrington (Exchange Club), Jerry Kochurka (Exchange Club), Crys Hum and Cindi Swanson

Absent: Peter Berg and Diane Fleischel

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.
  - II. Introduction of Commissioners and visitors
  - III. Approval of Agenda
    - a. Motion by Commissioner Carlson and second by Commissioner Noe. All voted to approve.
  - IV. Approval of August minutes
    - a. Motion by Commissioner Jerue and seconded by Commissioner Baltusis. All voted to approve.
  - V. Public Forum including Presentation by RibFest Staff with Q&A  
Exchange Club appreciated input from Commission. Accessible parking was one of the main things for which the Exchange Club received questions on the website. Commissioner Baltusis e-mailed question about the sign language interpreter and an e-mail was received promptly. Positive feedback was received for providing a sign language interpreter at both stages. The two front seating areas were used. The back seating area was not used as much, except for the last night when it was full. Commissioner Noe requested when carnival contract is negotiated to have a separate time for people with disabilities. Mr. Harrington stated the contract is up for negotiation and they will look into it. Staff member Manning reported that she checked with attendees for second stage and they were happy.  
Mr. Harrington stated the Club will come back in the spring to show layout.  
Commission thanked the Exchange Club for making presentation to the Commission.
- Other public comment:*  
*Member of public stated that the culture and attitudes are changing. People realize that not all accommodations are brick and mortar.*
- VI. Communications sent and received
    - a. Commissioner Buckman provided information about colleges and vocational schools for students that learn differently. A resource fair will be October 5, 2009, at Waubonsie Valley High School Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Request that information be posted on the City's website about the event.

- b. Staff member Manning passed out a survey from the City of Naperville's Department of Transportation Engineering and Development (TED). It relates to the Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) at Ellsworth and Chicago Avenue. TED has requested the Commission review the APS survey before it is sent out to the public. Suggestions were made as to how to notify the public of the survey and the time frame for the survey, including low vision resources as well as notices and possible recorded messages at the Chicago and Ellsworth.
- c. Staff member Manning sent an e-mail to commissioners reminding them of dinner for volunteers on September 9, 2009.

VII. Old Business

a. Turning Point Update

- i) Commissioner Berg was to write a letter as discussed in our August meeting clarifying and articulating our position prior to September 15, 2009.
- ii) Staff member Manning stated the Planning Commission approved the development of the proposal.
- iii) Commissioner Buckman moved to request Sheila Romano, Director of ICDD to weigh in on Turning Point. Second by Commissioner Noe.
- iv) Discussion as to if Chairman Berg and Sheila Romano could address the Council meeting on September 15, 2009.
- v) Commissioner Jerue moved to have Chairman Berg address City Council on Commission's concerns as to Turning Pointe at the September 15, 2009 meeting.
- vi) Commission's concern is what happens if private funds don't come through, who will fund the project? Turning Pointe President Gallaher stated they wanted the city to back 501(c) (3) bonds.

*Commissioner Carlson left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.*

b. Strategic plan initiative subcommittee update

- i) Currently behind timeline schedule. With change in deadline for returning surveys to December 15, 2009, will be back on target in January.
- ii. Looking for Commission to approve language changes. Language changes on housing and employment.
- iii. Discussion about formatting and whether question should be posed as to if item is a high need or a low need and if it is available.
- iv. Several commissioners offered to work on formatting. Commissioner Foxen will work with Staff member Manning to finalize the document. It is not necessary for it to come back to the Commission before it is distributed.
- v. Article will be in Naperville newsletter "Bridges" which is sent to homeowners with their utility bill for the City in the November-December issue explaining the survey.
- vi. Add Developmental Disability to list of disabilities.

c. Central Park Project

- i) Staff member Manning stated planning staff member Jason is not available to come to our meeting on October 7, 2009. Issue of where ADA seating will be has been answered.
- ii) Currently there is no signage of where accessible seating is.

- iii) Discussion as to if our Commission changed the time or date of our meeting to allow planning staff to attend or if Commission could attend the Planning Commission meeting to speak with planner.
- iv) Staff member Manning stated the city has determined that the slope will be fixed to meet ADA guidelines and that all seating is moveable so it will be accessible. If anyone has any questions about Central Park to send the questions to Staff member Manning.
- v) Concern that staff from nursing homes bring residents by buses to band concerts and have to go through people sitting on lawn chairs to get to city seating.
- vi) Any questions about the Central Park plan should be sent to Staff member Manning.

#### VIII. New Business

An invitation was made to Kate Forystek to make a presentation in October to the Commission on attainable housing.

Due to the late hour, the remaining agenda items (Commission bi-laws, Commission initiatives, other new business and Announcements) were postponed until the next meeting. Request that SECA funding be added to next month's Agenda.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Baltusis at 8:59 p.m. Second by Commissioner Noe.

Next meeting October 7, 2009 7:00 PM