

Minutes
Advisory Commission on Disabilities
November 4, 2009 – LL Room C – 7 pm

Commission Members Present: Peter Berg, Victoria Carlson, Diane Fleischel, Kathe Foxen, Laurie Jerue, Sally Johnson, Victoria Perrault and Mary Wright

Student Members Present: None

Staff: Marita Manning, Accessibility Coordinator

Others: Cindi Swanson; Crys Hum

Absent: Judi Buckman and Carrie Noe.

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Commissioners and visitors
- III. Motion to approve Agenda made by Commissioner Jerue and seconded by Commissioner Perrault.
- IV. The October minutes were not transcribed and will be approved next month.
- V. Communications sent and received
 - A. Chairman Berg explained he was informed that the commission is an advisory commission and as such is not required to have a public comment period as do elected public bodies like the City Council. While past practice allowed for comments from the public, the discussion should only be amongst the commissioners and not visitors. Public comment will be allowed at the end of the meeting and if members of the public wish to have items on the agenda, they should contact Chairman Berg to see if it can be scheduled for a future agenda item.
 - B. Andy Hines from the Transportation and Engineering Department has informed Chairman Berg that only 14 surveys were returned regarding the audible pedestrian signal. TED will extend the period for the survey. Chairman Berg asked that commissioners share this information with any appropriate list serves.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Survey update

Our survey went live on 10/15/09. Several commissioners have already forwarded the information onto their contacts. A date needs to be set for the town hall meeting where public comment is collected and allow time for the commission to report back to the city council by early March. There will be a sign-up sheet for people who want to make public comment as well as a three minute limit for each person's comments. The date of Saturday, January 30, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon has been chosen. A write up will appear in the January/February edition of Bridges.
 - B. Attainable Housing survey Presentation will be on November 16, 2009 in City Hall. An overview of the report/findings will be presented at that time. Staff member Manning will send out documents to review prior to the meeting.
 - C. Letter regarding Naperville Works. Victoria Carlson wrote a letter and gave it to Chairman Berg. He will forward it to the rest of the commission.

VII. New Business

- A. Disability Fair – due to the fact that the SECA funding grants were due on November 2, 2009, Commissioner Jerue worked with Staff member Manning in submitting an application requesting funding to pay staff to set up the tables and for a special garbage pick-up and the musical group. This year the horses will not be at the Fair, however, the agency will be able to have a table. The date is set for May 8, 2009. Anyone interested in taking a leadership role should contact Chairman Berg. Someone is needed to work with city staff to advertise and lay out the table locations. Applications will be sent by e-mail and fax to vendors with a follow-up. Coordination on the day of the event is expected. Commissioners Foxen and Perrault agreed to jointly work together. Commissioner Jerue to check if band is available on that date. (It is one week later than past years).
- B. Accessibility Coordinator Report. Staff member Manning related that a student representative has been appointed. He is Brad Winters from Naperville North High School.
- C. Other new business
 - i. The Naperville and Bolingbrook Chambers of Commerce are jointly putting on a Disability Summit on November 17, 2009.
 - ii. Also on November 17, 2009, the EEOC and the DOJ are holding a meeting with Access Living in Chicago and will be accepting public comment.
 - iii. Commissioner Jerue would like the commission to review the website.
- D. Announcements - Next meeting December 2, 2009 7:00 PM

- VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All voted in favor to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.