

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 24, 2010

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Peter Berg at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Peter Berg, Laurie Jerue, Judi Buckman, Diane Fleischel, Victoria Perrault, Sally Johnson, Kathe Foxen.

ABSENT: Mary Wright, Brad Winters.

CITY STAFF: Marita Manning

PUBLIC FORUM:

Citizen Nancy Lullo shared that she continues to pass along the Disability Fair exhibitor registration information to potential participants.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Community Needs Assessment Survey Results. The sub-committee shared the process they took to arrive at the final ranking of results.
2. Finalize the report to Mayor and City Council concluding the FY10 Strategic Plan Accessibility Vision. See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: April 7, 2010 at 7PM, Municipal Center.

Any individual with a disability requesting a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in a public meeting should contact the Accessibility Coordinator at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. The Accessibility Coordinator can be reached in person at 1350 Aurora Avenue, Naperville, IL., via telephone at 630-420-6725 or 630-305-5205 (TDD) or via e-mail at manningm@naperville.il.us. Every effort will be made to allow for meeting participation.

CITY OF NAPERVILLE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2010
TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager
FROM: Advisory Commission on Disabilities
THROUGH: Marita Manning, Accessibility Coordinator
SUBJECT: FY10 Strategic Plan Initiative, Accessibility Vision, summary

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Manager, Mayor and City Council with summary results from the 2009 Community Needs Assessment Survey completed by the Advisory Commission on Disabilities (ACD).

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City of Naperville's FY10 strategic planning process, the ACD was tasked with conducting a survey to identify community assets as well as unmet service needs in the community, specifically for people with disabilities.

DISCUSSION:

Survey Demographics

According to the 2006 American Community Survey, Naperville had 9,000+ residents with disabilities, approximately 7% of the population at that time. A total of 270 resident surveys were completed as part of the ACD's 2009 Community Needs Assessment Survey, which represents about 3% percent of Naperville residents with disabilities.

The top three disabilities identified by survey respondents were Developmental Disabilities (50%), Communication Challenges (41%) and Orthopedic Impairments (24%). Age groups were Children 0-20 (47%), Adults 21-65 (41%) and Seniors 65+ (8%). Responses by zip code included 60540 (34%), 60565 (22%), 60563 (16%) and 60564 (14%).

Summary

Respondents ranked items based on both their level of need as well as their perception of its availability and accessibility to them. (Attachments I-4: Community Needs Assessment Survey, Written Comments, Demographics and Summary). Based on our analysis of survey rankings and written comments, the following categories represent the greatest community assets and unmet needs or challenges as identified by survey respondents.

Top Community Assets

1. Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)
2. Ride DuPage
3. School Districts 203 and 204
4. Libraries

Top Unmet Needs or Challenges

1. Accessing the community (insufficient PACE routes, accessible parking, doorways, sidewalks, navigating special events)
2. Employment Opportunities (full/part-time competitive employment, job training, job coaching)
3. Recreational, Social, and Fitness Opportunities (disability awareness, accommodations, access)
4. Caregiver respite

Next Steps

Access to civic life by people with disabilities is a fundamental goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Access extends not only to physical access at government facilities, programs and events, but also to policies which ensure that all people with disabilities can take part in, and benefit from, the programs and services of our community. This strategic planning initiative was an important first step towards identifying the assets and needs in our community. The ACD hopes to continue working with staff on future strategic planning goals and initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please include in the March 26, 2010 Manager's Memorandum.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2009 Community Needs Assessment Survey
2. 2009 Community Needs Assessment Written Comments
3. Demographic Charts
4. 2009 Community Needs Assessment Survey Summary Results