

MEETING SUMMARY

Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 6:30pm
City Hall, 400 S. Eagle Street
Meeting Room B

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. A quorum was established as members introduced themselves.

ACD Commissioners Present:

Tim Dumler (Chair), Sheri Baumgartner, Tanvi Bhatt, Andrea Marwah, Jorgen Philips, Barbara Stark

Public Attendees:

Karen Courney, Senior Task Force
Carl Skrabacz, Senior Task Force
Carol Skrabacz, Citizen
Tom Burgess, Developer Iron Gate Motor Condos

Staff:

Amy Emery, Strategic Projects Supervisor*
Kristen Foley, Assistant City Attorney*
Trevor Dick, Development Services Managers
*Denotes Members of City ADA Compliance Team

3. Minutes. Motion made by Phillips, second by Baumgartner to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2016. Motion passed unanimously
4. Public Comment Items Not on Agenda. No Comments.
5. New Business. No Items.
6. Old Business

a. ADA Team Staff Report

Amy Emery started the staff report by announcing that the City of Naperville officially launched its new web site today. The new site is 508 Compliant to improve access for all residents. She noted that with this launch, the ADA resource page was also updated to include a new resource link for College Students with Disabilities that ranks colleges across the country and lists the amenities they offer.

Ms. Emery reported next on internal staff efforts to raise awareness about ADA requirements and the ADA Staff Compliance Team. She noted that the employee newsletter is being used as a resource and a new series of articles has been initiated.

Ms. Emery reported on her attendance at the *Paths to ADA Compliance Training* on May 17 offered by the DuPage County Mayors and Managers Conference. Presenters included former Chairman Peter Berg. She noted that the session was focused on ADA Facility Transition Plans. Naperville continues to lead its peers with respect to plan completion.

She noted that the Naperville Plan will be reaching a 5-year milestone next year. Staff will be working with the ACD to update the document at that time.

Next, Ms. Emery provided information in response to inquiries made by Commissioner Phillips. She confirmed with the HR department that the city's web resources for hiring are ADA compliant. Further, she noted that while the HR department hasn't specifically targeted workers with disabilities for positions in in some time, the HR department would welcome suggestions from the ACD on organizations to forward postings to in the future. The ACD agreed this topic to should be part of an upcoming agenda discussion.

Ms. Emery informed the ACD that she received a call from a resident with a complaint about a taxi service in Naperville not accommodating her service animal. This is a violation of Federal ADA Law. She explained that while it is true that the City of Naperville itself does not own taxi vehicles, operate taxi services, or hire drivers, the City does have a Taxi License Program. The City program requires compliance with ADA requirements. The Program is administered by the City Clerk. Staff has requested the resident provide a written complaint that will be investigated. This will lead to a hearing and if a violation is confirmed, penalties can be enforced. Penalties could include warnings, fines, suspensions, or license revocation. Ms. Emery and Kristen Foley, reiterated to the ACD:

- Complaint was received and the City takes this very seriously
- City has an ordinance in place that requires ADA compliance
- City will follow that ordinance to address this complaint

Staff will keep the ACD updated on this situation as details arise.

Lastly, Ms. Emery noted that there was information included in the agenda packet about a unique development situation that has come up that has generated some question about application of ADA requirements. Mr. Trevor Dick, Development Manager with the City of Naperville, presented the case and offered an opportunity for the property owner, Mr. Tom Burgess to also explain the situation. The ACD members were asked to share their ideas. Ultimately, after considering a couple different options, the members suggested that pedestrian warning strips placed adjacent to each pedestrian entrance of the proposed retail spaces would be the most effective application of ADA requirements.

b. New Task Force Details

At their April 6, 2016 meeting the ACD voted to recommend to the Mayor and City Council the creation of a Task Force. Based on this action, discussion and direction is needed to define recommend roles, duties and powers of the Task Force. At the direction of Chairman Dumler, Ms. Emery reviewed the information provided in the agenda memo. At the August meeting, this topic will be revisited to finalize the complete recommendation materials to be presented to the City Council in September. Members indicated their support for the following with respect to the proposed Task Force:

- Name: Accessible Community Task Force
- Size: 7 Members (A reduction may be possible if applications are limited)
- Meeting Schedule: Monthly (with flexibility based to meet more or less as needed)
- The draft Task Force mission, vision, structure including 6 committees, and responsibilities outlined in the staff memo were supported by the ACD. The information contained in the staff report was based on the model provided by the Senior Task Force. Commissioners offered some wording clarifications that will be presented for their final review at the August ACD meeting.

7. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Stark with Second by Bhatt. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Next meeting: August 3, 2016

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