



Meeting Minutes

Rick Kahan Commission for Residents with Disabilities
Regular Meeting: July 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Lower Level EOC Conference Room, Village Hall
50 Raupp Blvd, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm

2. Roll Call

- a. **Members Present:** Chair Judy Samuels, Vice Chair Marty Sussman, Commissioners Mark Weiner, Lexi Robinson, Dean Klassman, Allie Zalay, Debbie Verson, Beth Shapiro, Jack Shapiro, Avi Samuels, Leo Njongmeta
- b. **Members Not Present:** Commissioners Gowri Magati, Amy Parker, Matthew Dragon
- c. **Staff Liaison Present:** Tyler Ankney
- d. **Trustee Liaison Not Present:** Trustee Andy Stein

3. Approval of Minutes - June 26, 2024

- a. Motion: Commissioner Beth Shapiro
- b. Second: Commissioner Dean Klassman
- c. In Favor: All present
- d. Oppose: None
- e. Abstain: None
- f. ***Motion passes***

4. Chair Report (Judy Samuels)

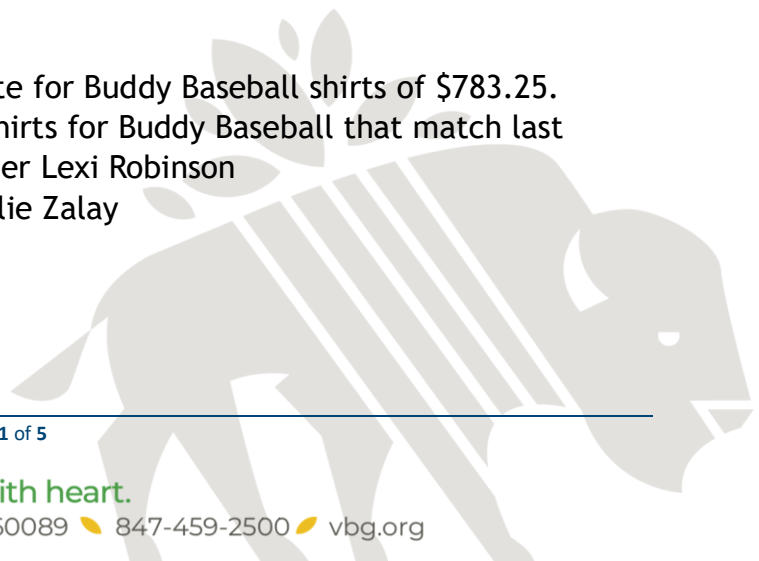
- a. The next meeting of the RKCRD is Wednesday August 21, 2024.

5. Trustee(s) Report (Andy Stein)

- a. None

6. Staff Liaison Report (Tyler Ankney)

- a. Staff Liaison Ankney received a quote for Buddy Baseball shirts of \$783.25.
 - i. Motion to purchase the shirts for Buddy Baseball that match last year's shirts: Commissioner Lexi Robinson
 - ii. Second: Commissioner Allie Zalay
 - iii. In Favor: All present
 - iv. Oppose: None
 - v. Abstain: None
 - vi. ***Motion passes***



- b. Staff Liaison Ankney has 4 tables reserved for the Buddy Baseball Exhibition Game.
- c. Someone from the Communications Department will attend to take photos at the various events, if possible. Commissioners are able to take their own photos and we are able to share those with the Communications Department.
- d. There are 6 closed event signages, 6 “sponsored by signs” (which may need to be updated for 2024), 4 park closed private party signs, 1 Fun & Food Registration banner.
 - i. Commissioner Debbie Verson and Staff Liaison will talk after the meeting about updating signage and any additional signage needed for this year with updated sponsors.
 - ii. We would like a sign to display at the Buddy Baseball Exhibition game to sign-up to be a Buddy and a Player for the league. This should include the QR code for the league registration.
- e. Staff Liaison Tyler Ankney will follow-up with the Village about new Commissioner shirts for future years and if those will be purchased by the Village or by the RKCRD.
- f. The new layout for BG Days will be visited next week by Staff Liaison Ankney and Commissioner Debbie Verson. The tables and cars under the new pavilion are not permanent structures, so we can request however many tables and chairs we will need for the event.
- g. What type of social media notifications/marketing will we want to send out about our events?
 - i. The RKCRD would like to send out notifications with the registration links for both Fun & Food and the Buddy Baseball Exhibition Game. We would like one to be sent in the next 2-3 weeks and then again about 2 weeks before.
- h. Staff Liaison Ankney received quotes for multiple branded clappers. The hand-shaped clappers will cost around \$290 for 204 clappers.
 - i. Motion to purchase 300 of the branded clappers: Commissioner Jack Shapiro
 - ii. Second: Vice Chair Marty Sussman
 - iii. In Favor: All present
 - iv. Oppose: None
 - v. Abstain: None
 - vi. ***Motion passes***

7. Working Groups Report

- a. Ensuring Opportunities for Hands-on Fun (Commissioners Parker and Weiner)
 - i. **BG Days Fun and Food** (Lead: Commissioner Debbie Verson)
 - 1. The event will be Monday September 2nd from 10:00am-12:00pm.
 - 2. Lunch will be served at 11:30am in the new pavilion.

3. The sandwich price from Jimmy Johns went up in cost \$0.25. The cheese and the turkey sandwiches will both be the same price this year at \$3.00, which is roughly a 20% discount. We still need to secure funding or donations for chips.
4. Kona Ice will be there 10:30-12pm. There will be 1 ticket for lunch and 1 ticket for Kona Ice. Those will be two different colors to help differentiate.
5. Registration is currently at 16 individual participants and 60 additional family members for a total of 76 registrants.

ii. **BG Days Buddy Baseball Exhibition Game** - *Lead: Commissioner Dean Klassman*

1. Players and Buddies will start arriving at 4:30p for a 5p, game. The game is scheduled for 5pm-7pm.
2. Registration is currently at 2 players.
3. There was an offer from State Representative Didech to host a snow cone machine during the Exhibition Game.
 - a. Staff Liaison Ankney has reached out to the Village's legal department to see if there is any conflict with advertising as a politician.
 - b. Sentiments from the Commission are that it may be okay as long as it is not expected to be run by the Commission members. This can be discussed at the next meeting, pending additional insight from the Village's attorney.
 - i. Motion to allow State Representative Daniel Didech bring and pass out snow cones at the Exhibition Game pending approval from the Village: Commissioner Beth Shapiro
 - ii. Second: Commissioner Allie Zalay
 - iii. In Favor: All present
 - iv. Oppose: None
 - v. Abstain: None
 - vi. ***Motion passes***
4. The RKCRD would like someone from the Police Department help support traffic flow and safety at the event as they did last year. Staff Liaison Ankney will follow-up.

b. **Other BG Days**

- i. **Courtesy Shuttle** (Commissioner Allie Zalay)
- ii. **BG Days Parade** - discussion and vote
 1. Commissioners Beth Shapiro and Dean Klassman will take the lead on RKCRD participation and organization. The goal will be to have Buddy Baseball League Players walk in the parade. Staff Liaison Ankney will inquire about a banner to hold while

walking in the parade. If the players will not participate, we will not participate in the parade.

2. Motion to have the RKCRD participate in the BG Days Parade:
Commissioner Dean Klassman

- a. Second: Commissioner Allie Zalay
- b. In Favor: Chair Judy Samuels, Commissioners Avi Samuels, Mark Weiner, Debbie Verson, Leo Njongmeta, Jack Shapiro, Beth Shapiro
- c. Oppose: Vice Chair Marty Sussman
- d. Abstain: None
- e. ***Motion passes***

c. **Advocating for Inclusion and Access - Lead Vice Chair Marty Sussman**

- i. A settlement was reached with the owners of the parking lot/shopping center near The Continental and the Garden Fresh that requires repairs and updates. If the owner does not comply with required repairs by August 9, 2024, the Village will institute a daily fine until repairs/updates are complete.
- ii. There is not close handicap accessible parking or easily accessible to the Athletico that is located within the Buffalo Grove Fitness Center. There used to be three handicap/Athetico spots close to the door.
 - 1. Chair Judy Samuels requested that this information be put into the digital system for follow-up by the Village.
 - 2. Staff Liaison Ankney will also follow-up.
- iii. There is additional facility (rehab facility rented by Highland Park Hospital), Sky Fitness, on Busch Parkway that has difficult/far handicap parking that should be addressed additionally.
 - 1. Chair Judy Samuels requested that this information be put into the digital system for follow-up by the Village.
 - 2. Staff Liaison Ankney will also follow-up.

d. **Trusted Resource for Accommodations and Services: Sharing of Best Practices and Developing a Resource Guide (Education)** - Lead: Commissioner Allie Zalay

- i. Commissioner Allie Zalay has reached out to the Communications Department to see if there is a public awareness campaign about the Commission and our advocacy work that we can include on the website.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Fall Buddy Baseball League update (Commissioner Klassman / Commissioner Robinson) - There are no items up for a vote at this time.
 - i. The Village has set up an Eventbrite page to collect player registration fees. The Village is reviewing the waiver forms for players and buddies.

9. New Business

- a. Volunteer or Internship (Commissioner Gowri Magati)
- b. Commissioner Mark Weiner shared a Save the Date flier for the October Bowling with Buddies event. Staff Liaison will pass this along to the Communications Department for approval/suggestions.

10. Good and Welfare

11. Public Comment

12. Adjournment at 8:43pm

- a. Motion: Commissioner Debbie Verson
- b. Second: Commissioner Allie Zalay
- c. In Favor: All present
- d. Oppose: None
- e. Abstain: None
- f. ***Motion passes***

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 21, 2024

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