



Meeting Minutes

Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities
Regular Meeting: November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes - October 16, 2024

- a. Motion: Commissioner Avi Samuels
- b. Second: Commissioner Allie Zalay
- c. In Favor: All present
- d. Opposed: None
- e. Abstain: None
- f. **Motion passes**

4. Chair Report (Judy Samuels)

- a. Happy one-year anniversary to Commissioner Amy Parker (October)
- b. New Commissioner – Welcome Commissioner Kate Jauregui
- c. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Jan 22, 2025.
- d. Next Year's meeting dates discussed. Encouraged all commissioners to look at and identify potential conflicts to be addressed.
- e. Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2025
 - i. 4th Wed of the month – Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 28, Jun. 25, Jul. 23, Oct. 22
 - ii. Alternative dates
 - 1. Aug. 20 (3rd Wed) ? - (BG Days – Aug 28 – Sept 1)
 - 2. Sept 17 (3rd Wed)
 - 3. Nov. 19 (3rd Wed)

5. Trustee(s) Report (Andy Stein)

- a. Trustee Stein felt the Bowling With Buddies event was a success and appeared to go smoothly.

6. Staff Liaison Report (Tyler Ankney)

- a. Tyler reconfirmed that sponsors, to the RKCRD, can have their names appear on the Village website.

7. Working Groups Report

- a. **Ensuring Opportunities for Hands-on Fun(Commissioners Amy Parker and Mark Weiner)**

- i. **Buddy Bowling** (Lead: Mark Weiner)

- 1. Debriefing

- a. Commissioner Weiner shared that 98 bowlers registered and 90 attended. Financially, we ran a slight surplus based on sponsors and day of donations. A suggestion was made for next year's event not to charge anyone for dinner. Rather just solicit donations.
 - b. Commissioner Zalay and Commissioner Samuels commented that the picture board was not conducive to shorter participants or those in a wheelchair. Commissioner Zalay suggested we have a backdrop made, called a step and repeat, and provide props that all could use regardless of height to take a picture in front of. Commissioner Samuels suggested all our events could benefit from having a sensory zone where participants can go to if the noise is too over - whelming.

- ii. **Spring Fling**

- 1. Discussion held on our next event, the Spring Fling at the Park Districts performing Arts Center. This discussion also included our fund raising program for sponsors to cover all events to kick off next year.

- iii. **Sponsorships**

- 1. Chair Samuels recommended that we have our program more clearly documented to present to the Village in January. It should include more details of what will be presented to prospective donors so that RKCRD can move forward to work with the Communications and Engagement Department for a more formal document to share with perspective donors.

- b. **Buddy Baseball Fall League** (Lead: Dean Klassman)

- i. Debriefing

- 1. Commissioner Klassman shared that it went well.
 - 2. Next year Commissioner Klassman would like to move the league to Sunday to make it easier for participants and buddies to attend. \$50 is being charged, per player. This covers the cost incurred to run the league. This also allows us offer scholarships for those who can't afford it.
 - 3. RKCRD would like to see formal record keeping next year.

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

- i. Mariano's will have their parking lot restriped in the spring

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

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Volunteer / Internship (Commissioner Gowri Magati)
 - i. Gowri will present her ideas for an internship for students for the RKCRD at the January meeting.

9. New Business

- a. Commissioner Klassman mentioned a number of people have approached him about a Bowling With Buddies' league. He would like to start it in February 2025. Commissioner Klassman talked to Bowlero and they offered a start time of 5 PM on Wednesdays. Commissioner Klassman will check if other times available, costs and capacity and come back to the commission with a plan. If we proceed we will talk to the Rotary to let them know of our intentions and that it doesn't impact our commitment to the annual event we offer with them.
- b. Spring Buddy Baseball League
 - i. Brainstorming
 - ii. No motion made for a vote to move forward with the league.

10. Good and Welfare

11. Public Comment

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Vice Chair Marty Sussman
- b. Second: Commissioner Allie Zalay
- c. In Favor: All present
- d. Oppose: None
- e. Abstain: None
- f. **Motion passes**

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 22, 2025

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