



Meeting Minutes

Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities
Regular Meeting: November 19, 2025 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 at 7:08 pm

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

3. Approval of Minutes: October 17, 2025

- a. **Motion:** Commissioner Kate Jauregui
- b. **Second:** Commissioner Amy Parker
- c. **In Favor:** All Present
- d. **Oppose:** None
- e. **Abstain:** None
- f. **Motion passes**

4. Chair Report (Judy Samuels)

- a. **Official Meeting Dates for 2026**
 - i. 4th Wed of the month
Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Apr. 22, May 27, Jun. 24, Jul. 22, Aug. 26, Sept 23,
 - ii. 3rd Wed of the month
Mar. 18, Oct 21, Nov. 18, Dec 16

5. Trustee(s) Report (David Weidenfeld)

- a. No report

6. Staff Liaison Report (Tyler Ankney)

7. Working Groups Report

- a. **Ensuring Opportunities for Hands-on Fun** (Commissioners Amy Parker and Mark Weiner)
 - i. **Bowling with Buddies** (Lead : Commissioner Weiner; Vice-Lead: Commissioner J. Shapiro) (Oct. 30)
 1. Commissioner Weiner reviewed the event
 - a. 105 registered and 88 attended

- b. Discussions on cost and Staff Liaison Ankney will provide a statement for the Rotary to pay the remainder of their portion due.
 - 2. Feedback and/or Suggestions for next year's event
 - a. Bowlero has a sensory room and we could benefit from being able to use it next year.
 - b. Have locked box for donations
 - c. Might be able to go down to 2 registration tables instead of 3 based on the flow registration process.
 - d. Would be nice to get a picture with both the Rotary and RKCRD together
 - e. Suggestion to have a giveaway such as a bowling shirt.
 - f. It was felt, in our discussion, that the promotional fliers should highlight RKCRD more visibly.
 - ii. **Movie Night**
 - 1. Detail Plan and any costs associated with the event
 - a. Commissioners Jauregui and Parker discussed a movie night in February 2026. AMC Vernon Hills was very high in cost, almost retail and felt we should get in touch with Synergy in Wheeling that has deals for groups. Chair Samuels volunteered to go by Synergy to see what our costs would be.
 - b. We would like to reserve either Feb 1 a Sunday or Feb 16, Presidents Day for our event. The viewing room should hold between 80 to 120 participants. A fee will be charged to attendees to help encourage attendance once registered.
 - iii. **Planned Dates for 2026 Events** (Follow up for Nov. meeting)
 - 1. Movie Night Event (Feb. 1)
 - 2. Spring Fling Dance Event (Sunday April 12; 2-5pm)
 - a. Staff Liaison Ankney to reach out to the Park Dist. to reserve a room.
 - 3. Buddy Baseball Spring League
 - a. Starts May 10 through June 28.
 - b. Allstar game will be Sunday Jun. 21 with a rain date of Jun. 28.
 - 4. Buddy Baseball Exhibition Game Event (Saturday Sept 5)
 - 5. Fun & Food Event (Monday Sept 7)
 - 6. Buddy Baseball Fall League
 - a. Starts Sept 13 through Oct 25.
 - b. Allstar game will be Sunday Oct 18 with a rain date of Oct 25
 - 7. Bowling with Buddies Event (latter end of October?)
 - a. Will be in Oct and we need to firm up date and Rotary partnership. Need to contact Bowlero for a date.
- b. **Sponsorships / Donations**
 - i. Thanking and recognizing individuals and businesses who support our events. (Commissioner Jauregui)
 - 1. Either with a plaque or sticker to put on their window. Commissioner Jauregui and Staff Liaison Ankney will brainstorm on this idea.

- c. **Advocating for Inclusion and Access** (Lead: Vice Chair Marty Sussman)
 - i. Vice Chair Sussman revisited the discussion about our Commission’s ability to review the buildout plans submitted by businesses to make sure they meet the federal guidelines for being ADA complaint.
- d. **Trusted Resource for Accommodations and Services (Sharing of Best Practices and Developing a Resource Guide (Education))** (Lead: Commissioner Zalay)
 - i. No report

8. Unfinished Business

RKCRD currently has 14 Commissioners. In order to be compliant with Illinois State law, a quorum (minimum of 8 RKCRD Commissioners) must be physically present, for an entire meeting. As per the Village of Buffalo Grove Ordinances, as it applies to this Commission, RKCRD is required to meet no less than once a month.

- Defer until January 2026

9. New Business

- Potential new adaptive programs (Commissioner Jauregui)
 - Gymnastics / cheer (Ongoing)
 - Jiu Jitsu night (Single Event)Commissioner Jauregui mentioned private businesses that are developing adaptive programs , such as gymnastics and our ability to promote or call attention to them.
- Getting a clear vision for our committee. What is the mission of our commission? (Commissioner Jauregui)
 - August 5, 2024: Presentation starts at about 21:28 and the mission portion begins at about 23:26.
 - <https://buffalogroveil.portal.civicclerk.com/event/22/media>

10. Good and Welfare

11. Public Comment (Non RKCRD Commissioners)

12. Adjournment at 8:40 pm

- a. **Motion:** Commissioner Jauregui
- b. **Second:** Vice Chair Sussman
- c. **In Favor:** All Present
- d. **Oppose:** None
- e. **Abstain:** None
- f. **Motion passes**

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 28, 2025

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