



AGENDA

Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities
Regular Meeting: January 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order at 7:04pm

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2025

- a. **Motion:** Commissioner Mark Weiner
- 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. Commissioner Anniversaries
 - i. Congratulations and thank you to the following Commissioners on their RK-CRD anniversaries: Commissioner Dean Klassman on his 24 year anniversary, Vice Chair Marty Sussman on 19 years, and Commissioners Beth and Jack Shapiro at 15 years!
- b. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - 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
- c. Quorum update
 - i. Due to a commissioner moving from Commissioner to Volunteer status, the quorum for the Commission is now 7 members.

5. Trustee(s) Report (David Weidenfeld)

- a. Members are gearing up to go to Springfield for another session of legislating.
- b. New businesses will be opening around the Village, some to be announced soon.

6. Staff Liaison Report (Tyler Ankney)

- a. No report

7. Working Groups Report

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

- i. **Sensory Friendly Movie** (Sunday, February 1st at 11:00am)
 - 1. Event details and final preparations including volunteer signup sheet
 - 2. There will be a check-in tables at the front. We can use the leftover wristbands from Bowling with Buddies for who is part of the event.
 - 3. The theatre, Synergy in Wheeling, has a sitting area off to the right with some games where we can put out fidgets and headphones and coloring for a break/sensory space.
 - 4. There are currently 61 people signed up and registered for the movie.
 - 5. Tables will be set up in the actual theatre, off to the side with beverages and snacks for people to grab when they are eating.
 - 6. Commissioners should plan to arrive around 10:30am.
 - 7. Sign-Up for Roles at the Event:
 - a. Food and beverages – Commissioners Mark Weiner, Beth Shapiro, Judy Samuels, and Amy Parker
 - b. Registration – Commissioners Lexi Robinson and Kate Jauregui – Avi Samuels will also volunteer to help at registration
 - 8. Thank you to Abt for sponsoring the event!

ii. **Future 2026 Events**

- 1. Spring Fling (Sunday, April 12; 2-5 pm)*
 - a. Commissioner Lexi Robinson will create a registration form.
 - b. The sub-committee will meet and provide an update on timeline.
- 2. Buddy Baseball Spring League*
 - a. The Spring season starts on May 10 and will go through June 28.
 - b. Allstar game will be Sunday Jun. 21 with a rain date of Jun. 28.
- 3. Buddy Baseball Exhibition Game Event (Saturday, September 5)
- 4. Fun & Food Event (Monday, September 7)
- 5. Buddy Baseball Fall League
 - a. The Fall league will start on September 13 through October 25.
 - b. Allstar game will be Sunday, October 18 with a rain date of October 25
- 6. Bowling with Buddies Event (October)

b. Sponsorships / Donations

- i. Thank you to Abt for sponsoring the movie event!

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

- i. Vice Chair Sussman said we should look to make a connection with a local Congressman to help support our mission and our needs.

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

- i. Staff Liaison Ankney will reach out to Communications Director Molly Gillespie to invite her to an upcoming meeting to talk about more publicizing of RK-CRD

events and to discuss updating the RK-CRD website and adding additional content or information.

8. Unfinished Business

- None

9. New Business

- None

10. Good and Welfare

11. Public Comment (Non RKCRD Commissioners)

12. Adjournment at

- Motion:** Commissioner Lexi Robinson
- Second:** Commissioner Kate Jauregui
- In Favor:** All present
- Oppose:** None
- Abstain:** None
- Motion passes***

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 25, 2025

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