



RICK KAHEN COMMISSION FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

April 27, 2022

**7:00pm call to order
Buffalo Grove Village Hall**

I. Welcome & Call to Order

- Guest Speaker(s) – Representative(s) from the Wheeling Township 708 Board (Lorri Grainawi / Arlen Gould)

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes with Changes: November 17, 2021, January 26, 2022

IV. Chair report

- a. Attendance requirement reminder - 75% minimum
 - This is a requirement from the Village President and Board of Trustees
- b. Commission regular meeting dates (4th Wed. of the month is the standard)
 - i. Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25, June 22, July 27 Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28
 - ii. Suggested meeting date changes: from Aug 24 to Aug 17, from Nov. 23 to Nov 16, from Dec. 28 to Dec. 21
- c. Commission yearly events; 2022 dates:
 - i. Senior Expo Fri April 22
 - ii. BG Days Thurs. Sept 1 – Mon Sept 5
 - Staffing and driving the Courtesy shuttle for the entire event
 - Buddy Baseball
 - Participating in the Parade (TBD)
 - Fun and Food
 - iii. Fire Department Open House Sat. Sept 17
 - iv. Partnering with the Buffalo Grove Rotary for Buddy Bowling (TBD)

V. Trustee(s) report (Les Ottenheimer / Andy Stein)

VI. Staff Liaison report (Evan Michel)

VII. Sub-Committee report

- a. BG Days Parade (TBD)
 - i. Regular parade route will be under construction.
 - The BG Days Parade Chair (Rodney) and the Village are working together to identify a potential different parade route. Outcome will be discussed and decided on at the next BG Days meeting in May.
 - ii. If the parade is a 'go', does the Commission want to participate in the parade this year? **Motion and Vote**
 - iii. Commissioner Version has stepped down as the Chair for the Commission float and parade involvement this year.
 - Opportunity for a Commissioner.

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- iv. In previous years, Larry's truck was used. Not sure about our options this year.
- b. Fun & Food (Debbie Verson)
 - i. Kona Ice will be available again this year.
 - ii. There will be a smaller than usual tent with about 200 seats capacity. No room for entertainment.
 - iii. Tent will be set up on the grass to allow for the food trucks to be on the cement.
 - o Concerns
 - a. Uneven surface which may or may not be accessible to our event participants.
 - b. If rain occurs, it could impact the grassy surface.
 - c. Could create a possible need for volunteer runners to get the Kona Ice for the attendees to minimize the extra 'back and forth' fall risk for attendees.
 - d. \$0 budget?
 - e. Pricing for sandwiches were \$4 per sandwich in 2021. 2022 brought in inflation so possibility of higher pricing than 2021.
 - f. Space to assemble and distribute the food without taking space away from attendees.
 - iv. Recommendation to just distribute a bag of snacks this year instead of a full meal. **Motion and Vote**
 - o Treat bag to give out at the carnival.
 - a. Maybe chips, candy, crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks raisins, etc. -contents TBD
 - b. Possibly reach out to vendors but donations would look different this year.
 - c. Maybe Culvers could donate coupons for ice cream since there would not be freezers available to store the ice cream cups (or we pick up at the last minute to minimize melting)

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Wheeling Township 708 Board – RKCRD involvement? (Avi Samuels)
- b. Senior Expo (Marty Sussman / Judy Samuels)
- c. ID Card Update – Marty Sussman
- d. Business Decal (Window Cling-Ons) Marty Sussman / Allie Zalay / Avi Samuels
 - Call out local businesses for supporting the community of individuals with disabilities with a decal that can be displayed in their place of business
 - Goal: recognize businesses for going the extra mile for individuals with disabilities
 - Ok to move forward as a subcommittee?
 - What is the criteria for earning a cling-on to display?
 - Employ individuals with disabilities?
 - Accessible for individuals with disabilities?

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- Who determines which businesses?
 - Who finds the businesses?
 - Can have community members nominate
 - Can we partner with the Chamber?
 - Do we want to rather use these to bring awareness of the Commission rather than recognition of businesses?
 - **IN SUMMARY** – move in the direction of awarding the Cling-On to a business that encourages businesses to embrace the disabled community – honor at a Village Board Meeting
 - **NEXT STEPS:**
 - Approval to form subcommittee **Motion and Vote**
 - If approved, move forward as a subcommittee to meet and begin to craft criteria.
- e. Continued discussion related to how our Commission can work with Planning and Zoning to be able to review and provide some input related to handicapped parking spots, etc (Marty Sussman)
- Do we want to Invite someone from Planning and Zoning to hear their process in terms of ADA with new buildings and parking spaces
 - Commissioner Samuels is open to being a liaison if we determine it necessary

Deferred to next meeting

- f. 2 items coming out of Strategic planning

On Hold

- g. Commission website update – Allie Zalay
- Nothing to do until the Village hires a Marketing individual.

IX. New Business

- a. Buffalo Grove Resident environmental concern - Dunkin Donuts on McHenry Road - Attachment New Business #A - (Avi Samuels)

X. Good and Welfare

XI. Adjournment

Next Meeting May 25, 2021

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