



RICK KAHEN COMMISSION FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

April 26, 2023

7:00pm call to order

Public Works Lower-Level Conference Room

51 Raupp Road, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

I. Welcome & Call to Order at 7:02pm

II. Roll Call

- A. Commissioners Present: Chair Judy Samuels, Vice Chair Marty Sussman, Commissioners Donna Garfield, Lexi Robinson, Avi Samuels, Allie Zalay, Mark Weiner, Dean Klassman, Beth Shapiro, Jack Shaprio
- B. Commissioners Not Present: Commissioners Gowri Magati, David Morton, Leo Njongmeta, Matthew Dragon
- C. Commissioners Present via Zoom: Commissioner Debbie Verson
- D. Trustee Liaison Present: Trustee Liaison Dave Weidenfeld, Trustee Andy Stein
- E. Staff Liaison Present: Evan Michel

III. Approval of Minutes with Changes: March 22, 2023

- A. Motion: Commissioner Lexi Robinson
- B. Second: Commissioner Donna Garfield
- C. In Favor: All present
- D. Oppose: None
- E. Abstain: None
- F. ***Motion carries***

IV. Chair report (Judy Samuels)

- A. *Proposed meeting dates for 2023 & January 2024*
 - i. Following the 4th Wed of the month schedule: Jan. 25; Feb. 22; Mar. 22; Apr. 26; May 24; June 28; July 26; Sept 27;
 - ii. **Aug. 23** (date change) or ~~Aug. 30~~ (Buddy Baseball- Sept 2? Labor Day is 9/4)
 - iii. **Oct. 18** (date change) or ~~Oct. 25~~ (Buddy Bowling Oct. 26)
 - iv. **Nov. 15** (date change) or ~~Nov. 22~~ (Thanksgiving - Nov. 23)
 - v. No Dec. unless decided later there is a need
 - vi. **Jan 24, 2024**
- B. Motion to participate in Buddy Bowling with Rotary
 - i. Motion: Commissioner Donna Garfield
 - ii. Second: Commissioner Beth Shapiro
 - iii. In Favor: All present
 - iv. Oppose: None
 - v. Abstain: None
 - vi. ***Motion carries***
- C. Motion to participate in Buddy Baseball at BG Days
 - i. Motion: Vice Chair Marty Sussman
 - ii. Second: Commissioner Lexi Robinson

- iii. In Favor: All present
 - iv. Oppose: None
 - v. Abstain: None
 - vi. ***Motion carries***
- D. Motion to participate in Fun & Food at BG Days
- i. Motion: Commissioner Mark Weiner
 - ii. Second: Commissioner Avi Samuels
 - iii. In Favor: All present
 - iv. Oppose: None
 - v. Abstain: None
 - vi. ***Motion carries***

V. Trustee(s) report (Andy Stein / David Weidenfeld)

- A. The Village is looking to expand and create a broader approach to BG Days - use funds to include more cultural and diverse experiences and a larger array of participation - goal to be more inclusive of all community members and increase the sense of ownership in the community - embrace and showcase all the cultures within Buffalo Grove
- B. Fun & Food - same location, same date, same time, provision in the contract for the carnival rides for the event will continue
- C. May 15th is the reception at 6:30pm for President Sussman - located at Village Hall - at 7:00pm President Elect Smith will be addressing the public
- D. Farmers Market - once a month you can reserve a table at Farmers Market for non-for-profits to be able to set up a table and communicate to the community the RK-CRD and what we do
 - a. Contact is Larry King, if interested contact Trustee Stein
- E. Merit Badge for Disability Awareness for Boy Scouts - age 11-17 - consider allowing Boy Scouts to earn the merit badge through attendance at one of the RK-CRD meetings

VI. Staff Liaison Report (Evan Michel)

- A. Remote participation due to state guidelines - if you are sick or away for business those are the only reasons for remote attendance and participation does not count towards a quorum
 - a. Give Staff Liaison Michel and Chair Samuels 24 hours notice to get the Zoom link
 - b. Remote attendees should not give a report to the commission - if a report is needed from a remote attendee, they should write down the report and share it with a commissioner who will be present to read and share that information/report

VII. Sub-Committee report

- A. None

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Strategic Planning Part 4
 - a. Shout-out to Commissioner Avi Samuels for his support and partnership with Staff Liaison Michel for preparing the Strategic Planning outline/template
- B. First Monday in June the RK-CRD will present the plan to the Village Board and get

the support and buy-in of the Board so that we can hit the ground running with the strategic plan

C. Mission Statement

- a. The Rick Kahen Commission for Residents with Disabilities strives to ensure that Buffalo Grove is a welcoming community that emphasizes integration, inclusion, and accessibility for community members with disabilities.

D. Three major goals of the commission:

- a. Ensuring opportunities for hands-on fun
- b. Advocating for inclusion and access
- c. Trusted resource for accommodations and services

E. Motion to approve the strategic plan with changes discussed

- a. Motion: Commissioner Lexi Robinson
- b. Second: Commissioner Jack Shapiro
- c. In Favor: All present
- d. Oppose: None
- e. Abstain: None
- f. ***Motion carries***

IX. New Business

- A. Center for Enriched Living sponsored a first responders disabilities training day where a lot of police and firemen included an overview of disabilities, de-escalation tactics, etc. - could we recommend this to the BGPD and BGFD
 - a. Commissioner Donna Garfield to share information with Staff Liaison Michel to share with BGPD and BGFD

X. Good and Welfare

XI. Comments from the Audience

XII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm
- F. Motion: Commissioner Mark Weiner
- G. Second: Commissioner Dean Klassman
- H. In Favor: All present
- I. Oppose: None
- J. Abstain: None
- K. ***Motion carries***

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 24, 2023

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