



RICK KAHEN COMMISSION FOR RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

7:00pm call to order

Buffalo Grove Village Hall

I. Welcome & Call to Order at 7:05pm

II. Roll Call

- **Members Present:** Judy Samuels, Marty Sussman, Lexi Robinson, Donna Garfield, Dean Klassman, Avi Samuels, Mark Weiner
- **Members Absent:** Matthew Dragon, Debbie Verson, Allie Zalay, Beth Shapiro, Jack Shapiro, Gowri Magati, Leo Njongmeta, Larry Sweica, David Morton
- **Trustee Liaisons Present:** Andy Stein
- **Trustee Liaison Absent:** Les Ottenheimer
- **Present:** Staff Liaison Evan Michel

III. Approval of Minutes:

- November 17, 2021
- January 26, 2022
 - All in favor

IV. Chair Report

- Attendance requirement reminder – 75% minimum
 - This is a requirement from the Village President and Board of Trustees
- Commission regular meeting dates going forward (4th Wed. of the month)
 - April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23, December 21
 - Meeting dates are always listed in yellow at the bottom of the month's agenda
 - Motion to move the following meeting dates
 - Move from August 24 to August 17 as to not have the rush with last minute details for Buddy Baseball and Fun & Food
 - Move November 23 to November 16
 - Move December 28 to December 28
 - Motion: Judy Samuels
 - Second: Marty Sussman
 - In Favor: All Present
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstain: None
 - **Motion approved**
- BG Days is Sept 1 – 5 this year
 - Do we want to be part of a parade this year?
- Results of what direction we want our next "thing" to be that we focus on or do as a Commission based on responses received
 - Focus on initiatives that work with people with disabilities (updating website to provide resources, business window decals, expectations/roles for new commissioners and how to get involved right away, disability awareness)

V. Trustee(s) report

- None

VI. Sub-Committee report

- None

VII. Unfinished Business

- Senior Expo (Marty Sussman / Judy Samuels)
 - Friday, April 22nd at the Community Arts Center from 10am-1pm
 - We currently have 2 volunteers – Marty and Judy
 - Volunteers to arrive at 9:30am
 - Avi can come as a backup volunteer, if needed
 - We need to get candy for the expo – large bags of chocolate candy
 - Evan will print the brochures to be handed out at the expo
 - Evan will also get a tablecloth with our logo
 - Tables and chairs will be provided by the Park District
 - We have 4 brochures that we will hand out
 - Buddy Baseball
 - Bowling with Buddies
 - Fun & Food
 - Commission information
 - Emailed to the commission on 1/27/2022
- Fire Department Open House
 - Occurs in September and usually on a Saturday
 - We will need volunteers to have a booth sharing our mission and resources for the community
- Initiatives moving forward
 - Create a list of events we put on and expectations for support at the events to share with commissioners on a yearly basis
 - Share updated contact information with new members
- 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?
 - 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
 - Motion: Marty Sussman
 - Second: Mark Weiner
 - In Favor: All Present
 - Opposed: None
 - **Motion approved**
 - **NEXT STEPS** – subcommittee with meet, begin to craft criteria

- Commission website update – Allie Zalay
 - Nothing to do until the Village hires a marketing individual
- Identification card update – Marty Susman
 - A rep from downstate has put up a bill that state troopers will have ability to card individuals with disabilities over the age of 18 who have difficulty communicating
 - Deerfield has now put in place the ID card, Wheeling has it in place
 - Turned over to the Trustees to determine what we need to do to be part of this
- 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 need to support the Planning and Zoning Commission with understanding ADA requirements?
 - Evan will work to determine more information about the NCH Medical Facility on Lake Cook Road in regards to placement and % of handicap parking spots
 - Invite someone from Planning and Zoning to hear their process in terms of ADA with new buildings and parking spaces
 - Avi is open to being a liaison if we determine it necessary

VIII. New Business

- Wheeling Township “708 Board” – RKCRD involvement? (Avi Samuels)
 - Representatives from Wheeling Township gave a report regarding a community mental health (January 18th meeting)
 - “708 Board” provides funding for local non-profits regarding mental health
 - Evan can reach out to have the presentation given to our commission to determine a possible partnership between the “708 Board” and RKCRD
- Possible new subcommittees / tasks for the Commission New Commission Member information packet
 - Expectations of a Commission Member
 - List of subcommittees, descriptions, opportunities within including lead/co-lead
 - Other TBD
 - Lexi to draft a 1-pager to review at the next meeting
- “In Our Backyard” (Name TBD)
 - Information and/or concerns about disability related initiatives going on within our community and neighboring communities
 - Show our support for other things that are going on in our community
 - Include on our resource page with the updated website
 - Have a point person who can “collect” this information to share out with the full commission during monthly meetings
 - Are there two individuals who want to volunteer for this?

IX. Good and Welfare

X. Adjournment at 8:44pm

- Motion: Mark Weiner
- Second: Lexi Robinson
- In Favor: All present
- Opposed: None
- Abstain: None
- ***Motion approved***

Next Meeting April 27, 2022

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