

**Meeting of the Village of Buffalo Grove
Commission for Residents with Disabilities
Special Meeting
March 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Lexi Robinson, Mark Weiner, Marty Sussman, Dean Klassman, Debbie Verson, Judy Samuels, David Morton, Jack Shapiro, Donna Garfield, Beth Shapiro

Members Absent: Leo Njongmeta, Larry Sweica

Trustee Liaisons Present: Les Ottenheimer and Dave Weidenfeld

Also Present: Staff Liaison Evan Michel

Guests Present: Allison Zalay, Candi Kahen

I. Call to Order @ 7:09pm

Motion: David Morton

2nd: Judy Samuels

II. Items for Discussion

1. Selection of a New Chair

- Chair has to be appointed by President Sussman
- Will be appointed at the next meeting

2. BG Days Update

- Things are opening up more than we expected
- There will be some sort of BG Days this year! We don't know to what extent yet, but there will be an event
- Fun & Food and Buddy Baseball may not be in the same form
 - Not mentioned at the BG Days Committee meeting yet, but Debbie attended the meeting
 - Committee is waiting as long as they can to make decisions
- BG Days Committee is working through safety and logistics (smaller event than in years past due to guidance)
- There will be options for our committee to do some work this year!
- Looking at food trucks and spreading out
- If we have ideas for Fun & Food or Buddy Baseball, please send them to Debbie Verson so she can share them at the next BG Days Committee meeting
 - People could wait in a socially distanced line to grab a sack lunch
 - We could spray paint circles in the grass for where people can sit for eating in a distanced manner
 - What would the kids do if the carnival is not open?
 - We could do Buddy Baseball the Thursday evening before to kick off the weekend
 - Could we do a drive in movie where we rent a screen and have everybody stay in their cars?
 - Sound through the car radios, we would need to rent the movie
 - Adam Moody on the BG Days Committee handles sound for the

weekend

- The Park District ran a similar event - it was expensive - could we reach out for details?
- Could we do a drive up carnival with events where no one gets out of their cars?
- If BG Days does not precede forward - will our other events move forward?
 - Likely not, maybe just Buddy Baseball
- Could we have a DJ come and do a socially distanced dance party after Buddy Baseball?
- Usually we have between 250-300 people who attend Fun & Food

3. Bowling with Buddies

- Rotary is interested again
- Maybe October 21st
- We could have the entire Bowlero space
- Could be a Halloween theme
- Would need to be clear on distancing and capacity limits

4. Funds from the Buffalo Grove Community Foundation

- Dave is the Trustee Chairman
- We have several thousand dollars in the foundation account
- Money rolls over
- There is roughly \$2,762 that was donated in Rick Kahen's memory designated solely for the work of our commission in his honor
- Spend the money from the Village first (because this goes away at the end of each year), then we can use funds from the 501C3 (which stays until it is used)
 - Could we do a yearly award for businesses in Rick's honor?
 - Could we rename the Rick Kahen Buddy Baseball Game or Rick Kahen Fun & Food Event?
 - Could we look at getting a handicap accessible van for the Village that can help residents who need transportation to medical appointments, etc.?
 - Could we partner with the Vernon Township to help raise money for this?
 - We could reach out to Geri Miller Brown who does grant writing
 - Evan will reach out to see if we can help subsidize the support for Lake County residents (as this is currently available in Cook County) - see if we can help get this available for all of our residents
 - We could ask for donations during our events

5. Evan will get us back on our regular meeting schedule and email the commission with details

III. Good and Welfare

- David Morton - Thursday he is moving! (But he can stay on the commission yay!)

- Lexi Robinson - The Robinson's are expecting Baby #2 in August!

IV. Moment of Silence in Rick's memory

V. Questions form the Public

- None

Questions from the audience are limited to items that are not on the regular agenda. In accordance with Section 2.02.070 of the Municipal Code, discussion on questions from the audience will be limited to 10 minutes and should be limited to concerns or comments regarding issues that are relevant to Village business. All members of the public addressing the Village Board shall maintain proper decorum and refrain from making disrespectful remarks or comments relating to individuals. Speakers shall use every attempt to not be repetitive of points that have been made by others. The Village Board may refer any matter of public comment to the Village Manager, Village staff or an appropriate agency for review.

VI. Adjournment @ 8:20pm

Motion: David Morton

2nd: Judy Sameuls

The Commission for Residents with Disabilities will make every effort to accommodate all items on the agenda by 10:30 p.m. The Board, does, however, reserve the right to defer consideration of matters to another meeting should the discussion run past 10:30 p.m.

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