

**Draft Minutes – Regular Meeting
DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION
September 17, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Main Branch Public Library
Small Meeting Room
834 Lake Street**

Roll Call and Call to Order

Present: Laona Fleischer, Larry Frazee, Erica Henry (7:10pm), Helen Kossler, Martin Moran, Carol Southern

Absent: Leo Irakliotis

Staff Liaison: Steve Witt

Guests: Scott Kozicki

Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Welcome Non-commissioners and New Commissioners

Scott Kozicki was introduced as a potential member and next Chair of the Commission. Chair Frazee provided a brief overview of the commission and each member provided a summary background of themselves.

Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as written.

Minutes

Draft minutes from the August 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

Non Agenda Public Comments

There were no non agenda public comments.

Ongoing Business

Commission members provided a brief summary of some of the work of the Commission, as follows:

- a. Subcommittee on Disability Awareness Program: Member Moran indicated that the subcommittee was working to get into the District 97 schools, starting with Lincoln, to talk about disability awareness. Member Kossler suggested speaking with the Special Education teacher. Member Henry will reach out to the PTO President to establish speaking dates and times. Members Moran and Henry will meet to re-group on the matter as Member Moran has been away for the summer. Member Henry indicated that Brooks School has a program that the subcommittee is looking to work with.

- b. Fair Housing Task Force: Member Southern indicated that the HOPE Fair Housing Center did some testing on rental housing to see if persons were being discriminated against. The report findings indicated that there were cases of discrimination, particularly racial, disabled and low income. The Fair Housing Task Force was formed to determine how this occurred. Member Southern provided a draft copy of the Task Force's recommendations for the Commission's review.
- c. DAC Resources Booklet: Member Kossler indicated that the commission has put together a listing of disability resources in Oak Park and surrounding communities. Based on the cost of the previous printing, the Commission decided to reprint 400 copies of the booklet to be available at the next attendance of the Farmer's Market; October 4th or October 18th based on the availability of the booklets. Steve Witt will check on the printing date and get back to Members Kossler and Fleischer. Chair Frazee asked if the Commission Members could get name tags to wear at events. Steve Witt will check with the Director of Communications and report back.
- d. Disability Sensitivity Training: Member Fleischer indicated that the Commission is intending to work with Village staff to provide training for interactions with persons with disabilities. Member Fleischer suggested inviting someone from JJ's List to meet with the Commission to see what services they may be able to offer. It was decided that this should be arranged to occur at the November (3rd Wednesday) or January (4th Wednesday) meeting.

New Business

Topics mentioned for inclusion in next year's Work Plan included:

- i. Accessibility to Village buildings:
 - 1. It was noted that the Village Hall is not readily accessible.
 - 2. Sidewalks in winter and snow removal.
- ii. Parking awareness: Prepare an educational campaign related to not obstructing the public sidewalk with parked vehicles and other areas that create a barrier to persons with disabilities.
- iii. Ordinance amendment: Decide whether the Commission will seek to amend the enabling ordinance to include a student representative.

Future Topic Considerations

None suggested.

Next Meeting Location and Date

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Main Public Library.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:450p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Submitted by,
Stephen Witt
DAC Liaison