

**Minutes – Regular Meeting
DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION
November 19, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Main Branch Public Library
Small Meeting Room
834 Lake Street**

Roll Call and Call to Order

Present: Erica Henry, Helen Kossler, Scott Kozicki

Absent: Laona Fleischer, Leo Irakliotis

Staff Liaison: Steve Witt

Guests: Stephanie Browning, Bill McKenna

Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Welcome Non-commissioners

The Commission welcomed Stephanie Browning who introduced herself. She indicated that she works with children with developmental disabilities and is considering becoming a member of the commission.

Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with adding a presentation by Bill McKenna, Village Engineer, as the first item after approval of the minutes. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as amended.

Minutes

Draft minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

Non Agenda Public Comments

There were no non agenda public comments.

New Business

Bill McKenna made a presentation that was originally made to the Village Board in November regarding the installation of pedestrian push buttons at intersections along Lake Street in the downtown area to improve traffic flow. A copy of the presentation materials is attached hereto. Bill indicated that the Village Board sought the input of the DAC regarding whether or not audible signals for the crosswalk should be installed as part of the project. Discussion ensued on the audible signals including the thought that there may not be many in need of them, how the audible signals might affect outside café areas in some areas, that the signals could be added at any time after the push buttons were installed and the additional cost of the signals. Chair Kozicki suggested that the Commission's mission statement which called for making things more inclusive to those with

disabilities should override any other concerns. The Commission unanimously recommended that the audible signals be a part of the project.

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 Henry indicated that Member Fleischer has replaced previous Member Moran on this project. Member Henry spoke with the PTO at Lincoln School about making a presentation. She was told that due to the large classroom sizes it would be difficult, but not impossible to schedule. She also got in touch with the Special Education teacher at Brooks Middle School. They are working on a program where older students are speaking to younger students about using people-first language. It looks like DAC will be able to work with them. The commission will work in 2015 on developing formal materials for the presentation.
- b. Fair Housing Task Force: The task force is preparing its final report to the Village Board.
- c. DAC Resources Booklet: The booklet was printed last month. The contents will be reviewed for any updates in 2015, with a reprinting scheduled prior to June 1.
- d. Disability Sensitivity Training: Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

New Business

The accomplishments for 2014 and topics for inclusion in the Work Plan for 2015 were discussed. A motion was made and approved unanimously to approve the attached Work Plan for 2015.

Future Topic Considerations

None suggested.

Next Meeting Location and Date

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Main Public Library.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.