



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:30 PM

Meeting Room C

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Acting Chair Donielle Deering called the May 7, 2026, Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 6 - Wendy Pligge, Lisa Cesal, David Halleck, Donielle Deering, Ghousia Wajid, and Supna Jain
Absent 1 - Suhel Siddiqui

Also present - Dawn Portner, City Clerk, Student Representative Pragnya Guptha, Mary Hamill, Chair, Accessible Community Taskforce.

Acting Chair Deering thanked Commissioner Pligge for her service to the ACD and congratulated Commissioner Cesal for being appointed to the Commission for another 2-year term.

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No speakers under Public Forum.

D. REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Receive an update from the Transportation, Engineering and Development (TED) team on sidewalk repair program and the ADA Transition Plan

Matt Calpin and Christina Galanis from TED provided an update on the City's sidewalk repair program and the ADA Transition Plan.

Also discussed was the Downtown Naperville Streetscape program scheduled to begin in the spring of 2027 and will cover Jefferson Ave from Main St. to Washington St. and Main Street from Jefferson Ave to Van Buren Ave. In particular the Commission inquired about the design of the ADA parking spots along Jefferson Ave. and the proposed width of the sidewalks.

The ADA Transition plan was created in 2016 with the ADA plan created in 2018. The goals included in that plan are still active to this date. The plan is to

continue to work on the goals outlined in the 2016 plan before any further updates are scheduled.

2. Receive an update from the Accessible Community Task Force

Mary Hamill, Chair of the Accessible Community Task Force (ACTF) updated the Commission on the following ACTF initiatives:

1) On February 3rd, ACTF members participated in the Region 1 Planning Council Universal Design Workshop where they shared their experiences in attempting to incorporate visitability into the City of Naperville Municipal Building Code.

2) On February 20th, ACTF members attended Congressman Bill Foster's Round Table and Panel discussing Accessibility in Housing, Transportation and the Built Environment hosted by the City of Naperville with ACTF member Allaina Humphreys as panel discussion moderator.

3) On March 6th, an ACTF member attended the North Central College Occupational Therapy Student's Community and Access Assessments presentation on accessibility the Nichols Library. In addition, they discussed the idea of NPL having an accessibility tools lending library modeled after the Downers Grove Public Library's Anything Emporium which, among other items, has accessibility tools. <https://dgs.swanlibraries.net/MyAccount/MyList/66696> However currently, the NPL isn't planning a tool lending library.

4) On April 8th, an ACTF member attended the City of Naperville Riverwalk Commission Meeting where North Central College Occupational Therapy Students presented their Community and Access Assessment of the Naperville Riverwalk.

5) On April 23rd, an ACTF member attended the City of Naperville Bike and Pedestrian Plan Open House where ACTF members comments were shared with City staff and consultant A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. (Epstein). One of these comments related to the fact that several area communities have permanent Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Commissions. Rather than create another City Commission in Naperville and since this logically falls under the City of Naperville Transportation Advisory Board, information about the Bike and Pedestrian Plan

<https://www.naperville.il.us/projects/in/naperville/bike/pedestrian/plan/> will be included in the Transportation Advisory Board's webpage <https://www.naperville.il.us/government/board/and/commissions/transportation/advisory/board/>

6) On April 29th, an ACTF member participated in the City of Naperville Riverwalk Commission's Annual Asset Management Plan Walk. Of particular interest to the ACTF were the Netzley Overlook, pavers sinking or broken, moving of an ADA parking spot, and railings at stairways.

7) On April 29th, an ACTF member attended the City of Naperville Downtown Streetscape Project Open House. Of particular interest to the ACTF were

proposed sidewalk widths; issues with businesses putting chairs, tables, planters, A-frame sidewalk signs, benches, etc. in the sidewalk space instead of the designated amenities area; proposed accessible parking spaces on both Jefferson Avenue and Main Street without curb cut-outs; truncated dome tactile warning surfaces placement and shape.

8) The ACTF has complied with City's staff's recommendations regarding the City's policies regarding task forces. The ACTF's new email address is: actf.naperville.il@gmail.com

9) Working with City staff, the ACTF sent out nominations requests for the City of Naperville Student Recognition Award to approximately seventy staff members at ten schools. We received six nominations from five schools. A consensus was reached that all six nominated students will receive a Student Recognition Award which will be presented at the May 19th, City Council Meeting.

10) As reported at the February 5th, 2026 ACD meeting, the ACTF is continuing its planning stages of "My Daily Experiences As A Person With Disabilities" event where people without disabilities use mobility and accessibility devices to navigate daily tasks - such as buying a cup of coffee in downtown Naperville. We plan to invite Naperville elected officials, City Staff, and business leaders to participate to better understand the barriers that exist in our community. We additionally plan to invited members of the Senior Task Force and students from the NCC OT program to participate.

11) The ACTF has formed a breakout working group to access the quality of transportation services for persons with disabilities. The group will initially identify the issues, present them to the ACD and the City of Naperville's Transportation, and the six townships that serve Naperville residents.

3. Receive an update on Naperville becoming an Autism Friendly Community

Portner stated a survey has been sent out to all of the City's Department Directors, the Executive Director's of the Naperville Library and Naper Settlement. The results of the survey will be used to determine a strategic plan and baseline for upcoming meetings and trainings with City staff members. The consultant the City hired to oversee this initiative will be traveling to Naperville in September. The purpose of this trip is to have one-on-one meetings with Department Directors as well as an internal partners meeting.

The Commission discussed including all types of disabilities and not just autism for this initiative and to make sure the group looks at the bigger picture when developing the upcoming meetings and trainings.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve the minutes from the February 5, 2026, Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallack, seconded by Commissioner

Wajid to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2026, Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

F: NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was discussed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallack, seconded by Commissioner Cesal to adjourn the May 7, 2026 Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

/s/ Dawn Portner
Dawn Portner
City Clerk