



City of Naperville

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Thursday, November 7, 2024

6:30 PM

Lunchroom

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wronski was not in attendance. Commissioner Siddiqui called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 6 - Lisa Cesal, Donielle Deering, Allison Longenbaugh, Wendy Pligge, Suhel Siddiqui, and Ghousia Wajid
Excused 1 - Thomas Wronski

Also present: Dawn Portner, City Clerk, Student Representatives Lizzie Young and Rashmi Adulkar

Both students were welcomed by Commissioner Siddiqui and introduced themselves to the Commission.

Commissioner Wajid entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

No speakers under Public Forum.

D. REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Receive an update from Fire Chief Puknaitis on the Community Advocate Response (CART) Team

Chief Puknaitis gave an overview Community Advocate Response Team (CART) program. CART provides 24/7 support to the community by responding to mental health and quality-of-life incidents before they escalate to life-threatening events. the CART program is a dedicated unit made up of nine paramedics/firefighters and an ambulance. The team responds to various non-emergency requests including lift assists, mental health incidents, assistance to and from the home, senior home visits and more. This frees up emergency medical services units to respond to other calls. CART also works as a patient advocate after emergency calls are completed. The team collaborates with community partners and social services to connect individuals with long-term care solutions.

2. Receive an update from the Accessibility Community Task Force

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

- 1) The ACTF attended and gave a presentation to the Naperville Noon Lions in August. One concern discussed was the tripping hazards caused by deteriorated truncated dome panels at crosswalks.
- 2) Task Force member Allaina Humphreys participated in a forum with the Naperville League of Woman Voters called "How Disabled People Vote (Its Not Always Easy)"
- 3) Worked with the City on resolving accessibility parking concerns during early voting for the November election.
- 4) ACTF representatives on the City's 2024 International Residential Code Team #2 are waiting to meet with the new TED Group Operations Manager to discuss incorporating visitability into the Naperville building code.
- 5) The ACTF attended the October 2nd CART program presentation.
- 6) The ACTF attended the October 16th Planning and Zoning meeting where the requested zoning entitlements were approved for the Tower Court Residences development.
- 7) The ACTF's Accessible Icon Project working group has contacted a representative from the Illinois Secretary of State's office to explore updating the ILSOS's accessible icons.

E. OLD BUSINESS:**1. Approve the minutes from the August 7, 2024 Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting**

Commissioner Deering made a motion seconded by Commissioner Wajid, to approve the Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting minutes of August 7, 2024. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. Approve the submission of a Proclamation for Naperville Special Olympics Day

The Commission discussed the upcoming proclamation for Naperville Special Olympics Day which will take place on November 19, 2024 at the City Council meeting. Several community partners have been contacted and invited to join the Commission when the proclamation is read.

Commissioner Cesal made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Deering, to approve the submission of a proclamation for Naperville Special Olympics Day November 19, 2024. The motion carried by a voice vote.

3. Work to develop the 2024 Advisory Commission on Disabilities Annual Report.

As part of the City's effort to continually review Boards/Commissions, each group has been asked to develop and submit a brief one-page report by January 31, 2025. Topics included accomplishments, challenges and upcoming work for 2025. Several items were discussed by the Commission in order to complete the report. Portner will compile the Commissioners comments and the draft of the report will be sent to the Commission for review and comment via email. The report will be approved at the February 2025 Commission meeting.

F: NEW BUSINESS

Portner reviewed with the Commission the tentative dates for the 2025 quarterly ACD Commission meetings:

- Thursday, February 6, 2025
- Thursday, May 1, 2025
- Thursday, August 7, 2025
- Thursday, November 6, 2025

All the meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Commission will approve the 2025 schedule at the February 6, 2025 Commission meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wajid made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cesal, to adjourn the Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting of November 7, 2024 at 7:46 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote.

/S/ Dawn Portner
Dawn Portner
City Clerk