

**Minutes – Regular Meeting
DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION
Wednesday November 16, 2017
Village Hall, Oak Park Illinois**

Roll Call and Call to Order

Present: Amy O'Rourke, Jen Kovar, Kathleen Yannias, Suzan Riley
Staff Liaison: Steve Cutaia
Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:05
P.m. and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approved was made by Kathleen Yannias, 2nd by Jen Kovar, Motion Carried

Minutes

Motion to approve with two changes; 1. Correct Dinner & Dialog and 2. Correct the spelling of Kathleen Yannias was made by Kathleen Yannias, 2nd by Jen Kovar, Motion Carried

Ongoing Business

- Chairman O'Rourke started the meeting by introducing the commission to the guest member.
- Commissioner Kathleen Yannias contacted the Health Board and obtained the unofficial Community Health Plan. The plan was e-mailed to the commission. The topic was tabled until January.
- Chairman O'Rourke presented Village Clerk Vicki Scaman. Village Clerk Scaman talked about her Township and Non-for-profit experiences as well as her commission and elected experiences. She explained that she is a resource for the commission and how the commission is an advisory to Village Council. She explained that since the board is not all knowledgeable they rely on the commissions to provide research from evidence and data finding resulting in advice and suggestions.
- Chairman O'Rourke commented on the 2018 Work Plan. She mentioned how the commission will need to discuss sidewalks around construction sites. Commissioner Riley commented that the City of Chicago has laws about this topic. Clerk Scaman stated that this is an opportunity to research Chicago and other communities and possibly put forth a solution. She stated that topics can also be presented at a chair meeting and do a survey at the farmer's market to access the community's concerns. Clerk Scaman mentioned that once a topic is chosen to utilize Trustee Andrea Button, and obtain support.
- Commissioner Jen Kovar presented her report on the Awards ceremony. She stated that the event is December 13th, 2017. She is asking commissioners for a \$25.00 donation for the services rendered at the ceremony. The commission agreed to hand delivers the signed invitations to the four winners. Since Commissioner Browning was absent we had not been able to review the proposed slide show. Commissioner Kovar had also reached out to the people that nominated the winners, and the business that had not won, but been nominated
- Chairman O'Rourke commented that they'll review the 2018 Work Plan at the January meeting

Non Agenda Public Comments

- Brian Roman attended the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Everyone in the room introduced themselves and provided a brief background of their resume. Mr Roman is interested in joining the commission

New business

- Commissioner Riley expressed how dangerous it is when going around construction sites. Liaison Cutaia mentioned when the sidewalk is closed you should not go in the street rather than go across the street or around the block. The commission is to look into preventing construction on both sides of the street and increased pedestrian usage around construction sites

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.