

**Minutes – Regular Meeting
DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION
Wednesday February 26, 2020
Oak Park Library 2nd Floor Small Meeting Room**

Roll Call and Call to Order

Present: Colleen Burns, Victoria Ferrarini, Mari Davis, Kathleen Yannias, Terry Herbstritt, and Stephanie Browning.
Staff Liaison: Steven Cutaia
Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and a quorum was declared.

Minutes

Motion to approve the October 23, 2019 & January 22, 2020 meeting minutes, motion carried.

New Business

- a. Public Comment
 - a. Mr. Gary Arnold, from 201 South Maple.
 - b. Mrs Haviva B. Siegel, from Bee Loved Kids Therapy, Inc.

Ongoing Business

- Commissioner Burns served as acting Chair.
- Chair Burns opened the floor to the two guests
 1. Mrs Haviva B. Siegel spoke about her communication with the Oak Park-Park District pertaining to their new playground plans. She explained that although the proposed playground will meet the ADA code it is not an Inclusive Playground that is designed entirely a playground for all. The commission discussed that they do not have the authority over the Park District. Chair Burns will talk with Jan Arnold from the Park District Board.
 2. Mr Gary Arnold discussed the town hall meeting, the commission was aware of. He had also mentioned the proposed book "From the Periphery: Real Life Stories of Disability:" presentation May 13th at the library and was requesting that the commission sponsor the event, without any costs. The commission agreed.
- The Commission discussed the outdoor dining ordinance and requested that Tammie provide an update.
- The Commission discussed the construction on Lake Street. Liaison Cutaia sent the commission an informative e-mail with a link to the web page about the construction. He also sent an e-mail to Village Engineer about their concerns.
- The Village Hall Accessibility improvements were discussed briefly, and will be removed from future agendas.
- Commissioner Ferrarini expressed dislike of the Commission's Mission. Liaison Cutaia sent out an e-mail requesting suggestions and placed it on the next month's agenda as requested.
- **The Commission discussed the library survey results. They discussed the possibility of the Village conducting a survey focused on the disabled and the families/friends of the disabled about their needs and wants. Liaison Cutaia researched the inquiry with the Communications Department, e-mailed the commission and placed the topic on the agenda as requested.**
- Commissioner Ferrarini had mentioned the day in the Village as well as March being World Disabled Day and December being National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Commission discussed the events along with the Farmer's Market. Liaison Cutaia was instructed to place this topic on the agenda.
- **The commission briefly discussed the Village videos and requested that the topic remain on the agenda.**

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn passed by voice vote at 8:10 P.M.