



**Advisory Commission
on Disabilities**

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Draft Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023 6:00 pm

Waubonsee Community College
Multipurpose Room
18 S. River Street
Aurora, IL

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Janine McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

ROLL CALL: Janine McDonough, Alex Engelhardt, Sean Williams, Elana Newkirk, Meredith Lindgren, Sandra Harrison and Katrina Boatright.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Denise Zartmann, Tim Snyder and Carrie Snyder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alex Engelhardt made a motion to approve the minutes. Meredith Lindgren seconded. Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

AGENDA:

1) Chair Report- Janine: Janine McDonough reminded the board members to respond no later than 5 pm on Sunday, the night prior to the meeting, to the email that is sent out inquiring each person's intention to attend due to the importance of having an in person quorum.

2) Subcommittee Reports:

(a) Advocacy - Meredith: NONE

(b) Communications and Awareness - Elana: Janine McDonough gave an update on the Bright Light Program and the acronym page. Janine McDonough is working on the wording for the application and graphics for it. Elana Newkirk and Meredith Lindgren will schedule a separate time to meet in the near future to work on the Disability Awareness Month Calendar which will include a short paragraph that briefly explains a little bit about the disabilities being featured.



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(c) Access To Providers - Elizabeth: NONE

(d) Community and Recreation - Sean: A new registration form for the attending Resource Fair vendors has been created. Reinviting previous vendors using their own email contact information. June 26, 2023 will open the registration to new vendors. Confirmed date for the Resource Fair is September 13, 2023 at the Prisco Center. This year the exit and entrance will be swapped.

Guest Speaker Sherri Schneider has been confirmed. Confirmation for Ruben Law participation is currently pending. Need to find out the accessibility and capacity of the break out room. Guest speakers will be doing two half hour sessions which will be alternating. The subcommittee would like to see if the city has a way to identify more disability owned businesses or micro businesses that can be included in the Resource Fair.

Subcommittee discussed having a pre-registration set up for the attendees. Give out an extra raffle ticket to those that pre-register for the event. As a way of keeping things more simple, just have big prizes this year. Have "Save The Date" start being posted to social media in July, as it gets closer to the event switching over to pre-registration. Suggestion was made about giving out gift cards to the speakers as a "thank you" for their participation.

Suggestions for the Sports Festival next year would include adding competition among the area schools, Special Olympics and Special Education groups, sharing information about the commission, and having the commission be involved in the overall event planning.

3) CITY REPORT: Katrina Boatright is seeking the best format for the Disability Resource Guide. Guide would include all disabilities without it being too specific to one particular disability. Katrina Boatright would also like the Disability Resource Guide to be set up a little bit different than the Senior Resource Guide.

4) OTHER BUSINESS- Sandra: The Juneteenth Event is June 17, 2023 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm at the MLK Park. Elana Newkirk is planning to join Sandra Harrison at the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sean Williams informed the board members of the Abilities Expo-Chicago is June 23 - 25, 2023, being held at the Schaumburg Renaissance Convention Center. Denise Zartmann will be sworn in and appointed by Mayor Irvin and City Council to the Advisory Commission on Disabilities board Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6 pm during the City Council Meeting. Congratulations Denise and welcome to the ACD.

ADJOURNMENT: Sean Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elana Newkirk seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.