



**ADA Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2025 @ 3:00 PM**  
Evanston Public Library/Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Members present: Murphy Monroe, Litrea Hunter, Donna Stevens, Julia Pantoga, Jim Johnson, Matt Dinerstein, Aby Karottu, Ted Gram-Boarini

Guests: Ronnie McCarron, Fred Wittenberg, Carlos Hranicka, Dinah Berkeley, Tim Evans, Abaigeal O'Donnell, BJ Jones, John Kapetan, Trent Oatman

Staff: Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager), Yazarri Gutierrez (Senior Services Coordinator), Kimberly Kull (Division Chief, Emergency Management, Fire Dept.)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 24 minutes were approved by the group.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A visitor wanted to share an idea for a support group for individuals with disabilities, details will be sent via email, please contact Manager Ruiz if interested

**4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Northlight Theatre Guest Speakers:

- (See attached handout provided by Northlight to view plans for accessibility in the design of the building and in operation of the theatre)
- Main entrance is at street level, accessible seating on this level and stage level (see diagram/description attached)
- Have been in conversation with City about adding accessible parking - side entrance off next door parking lot, bike lane interferes with potential drop off area
- A visitor emphasized the importance of having paper towels available for health and safety reasons
- Under construction right now, goal: finish building in May 2026, open: August 2026, productions: September 2026

Updates about previous inquiries and grievances:

- Dog beach punch pad: Director of Public Works met with grievance submitter and Manager Ruiz, communication will be provided with options for resolution

New inquiries and grievances:

- Sam's Club plants in accessible parking spot: resolved quickly with communication to manager
- Bus stop bench requests: Public Works continuing to explore future possibilities
- Lack of sidewalk access to Robert Crown: inquiry about lack of sidewalk access at Dewey and Darrow at southside of Lee St. This area is included in this year's alley and sidewalk improvement project, will be added late July-Sept.
- Guzman & Gomez patio entrance: patio entrance side door is not accessible. Communication continues with head of US restaurant operations
- Farmers Market accessibility: several items resolved, continuing to work on the Market map to create text description for individuals who are blind/have low vision

Training/education updates:

- Emergency Preparedness at Hill Arboretum: 5/6
- Coffee with the CARE Team at Prieto: 5/20
- Farmers Market Verbal Intervention Training
- Inclusion & Accessibility Services at Hill Arboretum: 6/3
- Inclusion Panel at Camp Directors' Training: 6/7

Other items:

- Next meeting: Thursday, June 26 at Evanston Public Library

## **5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

- A member commented about the City's decline to add a curb cut in front of AMC, requested further explanation about this. Manager Ruiz to gather this info from City staff.
- A member shared details about an upcoming rock show that he would be performing in later this week
- Last month's request for meeting location to be changed to 909 Davis is being discussed with City staff
- A member discussed having received requests for a new meeting day and/or time, Manager Ruiz will send out a poll to gather preferences

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.