



ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, July 24, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library/Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members present: Murphy Monroe, Lisa Noble, Julia Pantoga, Jack Kleisner, Matt Dinerstein, Ted Gram-Boarini, Donna Stevens, Litrea Hunter, Aby Karottu

Guests: Miriam McAuley, Carlos Hranicka, Patrick Hughes, Fred Wittenberg, John Willis, David Gayes

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 26 minutes were approved by Jack Kleisner and Ted Gram-Boarini.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A visitor shared concerns about the audible pedestrian crossing signals in Evanston being too quiet and requested for the volume to be increased. Additional visitors expressed similar concerns with several specific locations noted and safety concerns being discussed. Manager Ruiz to share these specific locations and obtain the City's procedures for setting the audible signal volumes.
- A visitor shared a concern about the crosswalk on Chicago Ave. across from Jewel frequently having cars speeding through
- A visitor emphasized the need for a bench at the bus stop between Emerson and Dodge
- A visitor expressed concern about Evanston's emergency plan related to flooding and a local unmanned pumping station not having an emergency power source.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Updates about previous inquiries/grievances:

- AMC curb cut inquiry progress: Resident who inquired about this issue met with

Manager Ruiz and Public Works representatives on-site to discuss adding a curb cut to the current "loading zone" area. Progress to continue.

- Dog beach accessibility: New information available to share with the Committee - added meeting for August to discuss, see below.

New inquiries/grievances:

- Public Works garbage/recycling pick up: team is alerted if recycling containers are contaminated. If food/pet waste is in with recycling, the bin contents are placed in garbage instead.
- Contractor truck blocking pedestrian sidewalk: reminder was sent to City contacts about keeping crosswalks clear.
- Overgrown bushes at residence on Emerson & Dodge: Community Development Dept. assists with these situations. An inspector confirmed and provided resident with new inspection date.
- Damage at alley curb area on Emerson & Dodge: asphalt remediation provided.
- Right-of-way blocked at Davis/Orrington for mural: coordinators responsive and adjusted barriers immediately.
- Technology assistance for individuals who are blind or have low vision: local resources provided.
- Malfunctioning audible pedestrian signal at Chicago & Davis: addressed and fixed.

Training/education updates:

- Disability Access Liaison Team Meeting July 1
- Hill Arboretum, Access Evanston July 8
- Prieto Naming Ceremony July 19
- Disability Pride Panel: Sat. July 26, 2 PM at Prieto Community Center

Other items:

- Next meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025 - update: added meeting for Thursday, August 28 to discuss dog beach accessibility. The August meeting will be held at the Library/on zoom. The September meeting will be held at 909 Davis/zoom.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- A Member expressed frustration over not being provided with details about his proposed grievance solution of a solar panel that supplies electricity to dog beach entry gate. Manager Ruiz to follow up with Public Works Director.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM.