



AGENDA
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, December 18, 2025
3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library: 1703 Orrington Ave.
First Floor Community Room / Zoom

(I) CALL TO ORDER

Welcome City staff/Disability Access Liaison guest:

- Sarah FioRito, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(IV) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Previous inquiries/grievances:

- Signage at CJE SeniorLife
- Snow removal & accessibility

New inquiries/grievances:

- Additional accessible parking at Levy
- Snow removal: hospital, Library, Chase Bank, bus stops
- Bulls games accessible ticket purchases
- Levy bus transportation policies
- Volunteer snow shoveling procedures

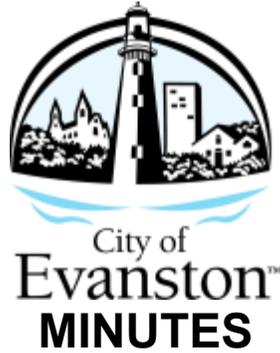
Other items:

- 2026 ADA Advisory Committee meeting dates & confirmed locations
- Ward meeting schedules
- Advocacy Avenue January theme: National Braille Month

- Next meeting: Thursday, January 22 at Evanston Public Library/zoom

(V) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

(VI) ADJOURNMENT



ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 20, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library / Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Aby Karottu, Murphy Monroe, Donna Stevens, Lisa Kaya-Noble, Adrienne Allen

Guests: Emma Barron-Zgonc, John Kapetan, Miriam McAuley, Ronnie McCarron, Carlos Hranicka, Fred Wittenberg

Staff present: Yazarri Gutierrez (Senior Services Coordinator), Alice Eakes (Accessibility Advisor), Jourdan O'Connor (Accessible Recreation Program Coordinator), Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 23 meeting minutes were approved by Lisa Kaya-Noble and Donna Stevens.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A visitor shared his frustrations related to discrimination he felt was occurring at his new job at Amazon. Manager Ruiz provided resources and information, other attendees provided support and suggestions.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

New inquiries/grievances:

- Benson Ave. parking: Manager Ruiz working with Parking Admin and Engineering teams on requirements for new accessible parking spot striping and access aisle allotment
- Snow removal & accessibility: The importance of clearing access aisles and crosswalk/sidewalk entries has been emphasized with Public Works team. Report any location concerns to Manager Ruiz.
- Brothers K Cafe entrance: Door was difficult for an individual with a physical disability to open/enter. Location added to list to receive communication and resources from the

accessibility team.

Other items:

- CTA Public Hearing for Proposed Capital Projects & Plans update: Patrick H. No updates shared at this time.
- Review of Committee Work Plan: 2026 Areas of Focus: Many of the Committee's goals and objectives are being met thank you to everyone's support and involvement. 2026: A member suggested a commitment from Committee members to attend Ward meetings to share info about the Committee and consistently discuss the importance of accessibility. Manager Ruiz to share Ward meeting schedules and identification information. Community and staff trainings and events to increase in 2026.
- Parks & Rec Update: Winter registration open/Amilia: new system, please contact any community center with questions or for assistance. Those with previous accounts should have received email communication from Amilia, follow link to "share" your account with the City of Evanston.
- Collaborative training: Neurodivergence & Crisis Response: Thank you to Committee Chair Murphy Monroe who joined Manager Ruiz and Parks & Rec Deputy Director, Jeron Dorsey, in leading this training on Nov. 20 for UIC mobile crisis responders and associated staff.
- DASH & GO: Disabled Adult Social Hour & Gaming Opportunity winter dates: Dec. 3, Dec. 16, Jan. 7, Jan. 20, Feb. 4, Feb. 17 - 1-2:30 PM at Prieto Community Center.
- 2026 ADA Advisory Committee dates: flyer provided with in-person locations to come, primary location: Evanston Public Library
- Next meeting: Thursday, December 18 at Evanston Public Library/zoom

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- A member shared information about a unified leadership training for Special Olympics which she and other athletes can provide as a staff event, Manager Ruiz to gather additional details
- A member shared information about upcoming events: Special Olympics Polar Plunge in March, Fundraisers for Special Olympics at Lou Malnatti's, Dec. 3, 11 AM - 11 PM and Guzman & Gomez, Dec. 9, 4-8 PM

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.