



AGENDA
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 26, 2023
3:00 PM
Levy Senior Center: 300 Dodge Ave.,
Bobby's Room / Zoom

(I) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(IV) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Updates about previous inquiries/grievances
 - Accessible parking at Library: parking garage status
- b. Review of new inquiries/grievances
 - Green Bay Road crosswalks/pedestrian signals
 - Volunteering at cat shelter
- c. Committee training/education updates
 - Emergency Preparedness Fair
 - Access Evanston Tour
- d. ADA Advisory Committee membership application
 - Changes or additions
 - Availability of application

(V) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

(VI) ADJOURNMENT



**City of
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MINUTES**
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members Present: Murphy Monroe, Cherie Lockett, Julia Pantoga

Guests: Carol Schreier, Tracy LaRock, Jim Johnson, Ronnie McKarin, Tom Bobowski

Staff Present: Lauren Ruiz (Disability Rights & Advocacy Manager), Amy Kellogg (Senior Services Division Manager), Rachel Stams (Senior Services Advocate)

Presiding Member: Murphy Monroe

Murphy Monroe called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The group agreed to approve the July 26 minutes.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A comment was made thanking the City for the new accessible parking spots available at Robert Crown Community Center.
- A comment was made about the public parking in accessible parking spaces near Fountain Square who do not have accessible parking placards.
- A comment was made about cracks in the sidewalk and curb cut close to the Library, which makes walking difficult and unsafe.
- A comment was made about the ramp at Hill Arboretum Apts being unsafe. Sidewalks in the area are cracked and unsafe due to tree roots. A member requested for the City to "keep an eye on" Hill as there are different funding sources and providing accessibility does not seem to hold the same priority.
- A comment was made to share frustration related to the dog beach, architecture downtown, and music volume in businesses

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Manager Ruiz reported:

- New ADA/Disability Services were shared at a recent City Council meeting. Updated web pages were shown.
- Initial ADA Coordinator trainings were completed with Altura. The City's Disability Access Liaison Team had their first meeting in September. Work to begin on the 2023 ADA Transition Plan Update.
- Updates about previous inquiries/grievances
 - CTA has removed the bus stop at Howard/Elmwood
 - Beach accessibility to be increased for individuals with visual impairments. Discussion to begin soon for implementation in summer 2024.
 - Meeting with Chicago Park District representatives to improve mobi-mat maintenance.
- Review of new inquiries/grievances
 - Service animal resources and training provided for Parks & Rec team
 - Hill Arboretum entrance ramp was investigated and met ADA technical requirements
A comment was made to express frustration about the ramp. The group discussed the importance of advocacy: even though something may meet minimum requirements, does not mean it is truly accessible.
 - New closer, accessible parking spaces created at Robert Crown Community Center
 - Accessible gate and lighting added into dog beach construction plans
 - Chili's manager very accommodating and open in discussion of music complaint
 - Direct contact available for sidewalk construction permits and timeline for any blockages

ADA Advisory Committee membership

- Recruitment discussed: pamphlets, City Council meetings, Farmer's Market, church members, senior living facilities, Linked In
- Membership application questions to include: background/engagement with disability community, able to attend meetings, commitment to activities, research

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- Manager Ruiz showed a poster to be placed in all community centers and in some Civic Center offices to share accommodation request contact info
- Suggestions were shared to place signs around the City to increase awareness of the disability community, make fines higher for parking in accessible parking spaces without an accessible placard, future group event: attending the Disability Pride Parade in downtown Chicago or holding a similar activity in Evanston to increase awareness of disability community

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.



DRAFT ADA Advisory Committee Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in the City of Evanston's ADA Advisory Committee. This Committee is a sub-committee of the Commission on Aging and Disabilities. The Committee's major responsibilities include supporting the City's disability services, promoting the execution of the City's ADA Transition Plan, and providing resources, referrals, training, and education for the community.

Applications are reviewed monthly by current Committee members and approved by the Commission and Committee Chairpersons.

Please contact Lauren Ruiz, Disability Rights & Advocacy Manager, with any questions or for an alternative option to communicate your application responses:
disabilityservices@cityofevanston.org / 847-424-5496.

Contact information:

Name/pronouns: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Questions:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a member of Evanston's ADA Advisory Committee?

2. Please describe your involvement with the disability community in Evanston.

