



City of  
**Evanston™**  
**MINUTES**

**ADA Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, June 27, 2024 @ 3:00 PM**  
Evanston Public Library / Zoom

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

Members present: Mark Karlin, Matt Dinerstein, Tom Bobowski, Jim Johnson, Julia Pantoga, Jack Kleisner, Murphy Monroe, Litrea Hunter, Donna Stevens, Adrienne Allen

Guests: Carol Schreier, Fred Wittenberg

Staff present: Amy Kellogg (Senior Services Division Manager,) Audrey Thompson (Director of Parks & Recreation,) Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 27 minutes were approved by Tom Bobowski and Jack Kleisner.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were shared.

**4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Updates about previous inquiries/grievances

- Communication updates from Sarah FioRito re: CTA accessibility: Update from Sarah to note she has begun the process of researching what possibilities there are for increasing ADA transit access to the new NU stadium.

Review of new inquiries/grievances

- Sidewalk cafes: communication to be sent to sidewalk cafes with notice about ADA requirements, public works interns to begin visiting to evaluate
- Residential "accessible" parking and pick up areas: in communication with public works about future action we can take to ensure reserved accessible parking is truly accessible. Residents can specifically request need to be close to an intersection to have a curb cut available.
- Farmers' Market parking: there are 3 designated accessible parking spots along Railroad Ave. Reserved accessible parking signs are placed weekly.
- Main Street sidewalk construction: working with public works staff to ensure that

alternative route signs are posted and alternative routes are accessible to all pedestrians

Training/education updates

- Hidden Disabilities Sunflower training, June 7. Parks & Rec team has been trained, City staff to be trained in July. Public announcement to follow about the City embracing the Sunflower program.
- Inclusion Panel at Camp Directors' training, June 8
- Disability Awareness training for CARE team, June 18
- Verbal Intervention training for Library security team, June 20
- Verbal Intervention training for CARE team, June 28

Other items:

- Upcoming events:
  - Disability Pride Parade: July 20
  - ReelAbilities Film Showing: July 23. Four short documentaries will be shared along with discussion segments featuring facts about disabilities, info about the ADA Committee.
- Inclusion & Accessibility Division updates:
  - South End Community Center Open House: June 22. Official opening day: July 15 for front desk, drop in play area.
  - Sensory room: ready at South End.
  - Adapted boccia: meeting weekly this summer at South End.
- Thank you letter to Mayor approved
- Next meeting: July 25

## 5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- A Committee member suggested putting together petitions to be signed by community members for CTA access
- The importance of Committee members/community members continuing to advocate and making their voices heard at City Council meetings, via inquiry/grievance communication was emphasized

## 6. ADJOURNMENT