



ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members present: Murphy Monroe, Jack Kleisner, Litrea Hunter, Adrienne Allen, Matt Dinerstein, Julia Pantoga

Guests: John Kapetan, Fred Wittenberg, Alice Eakes, Lisa Noble, Robert Townsel, Chuck Glass

Staff present: Amy Kellogg (Senior Services Division Manager), Yazari Gutierrez (Senior Services Coordinator), Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 24 minutes were approved by Jack Kleisner and Julia Pantoga.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A visitor shared contact information for caption call services: rtownsel@sorenson.com / 773-509-6389.
- A visitor requested information about the City's volunteer snow shoveling program: interested individuals can contact 311 or complete the [Request for Snow Shoveling Assistance](#) form

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Manager Ruiz expressed gratitude for everyone's understanding and flexibility with the last minute change to a virtual-only meeting due to the unexpected snow accumulation.

Review of new inquiries/grievances

- Service dog: Brothers K: City staff inquired to learn about service dog requirements and passed this info along to the restaurant.
- Sidewalk repair request: 900 Judson: asphalt mediation was completed within a week.
- Service dog: Ovo Frito: inquiry received from a community member stating she was

asked to leave with her service dog. Manager Ruiz met with the restaurant owners to review ADA requirements and share resources.

- Accessible voting equipment at Civic Center: accessible equipment is required to be on-site. Manager Ruiz was in communication with the City Clerk to ensure that all staff in the Clerk's office and on-site at the voting location are familiar with the equipment use as well as understand the priority for individuals' right to private and independent voting.
- Pedestrian crossing button at 2425 Main St: Public Works has fixed this site.
- Evanston Athletic Club/Endeavor Health Outpatient Therapy/City: a community member submitted a grievance related to several concerns throughout her physical therapy aquatic services. Manager Ruiz met on-site at EAC to review these and provide resources. The City will continue work on prioritizing sidewalk and parking access in this area.

Other items

- Inclusion & Accessibility Division updates: Winter registration open. Accessible Recreation programs start mid-January.
- Future adapted pickleball court at James Park. The working group and pickleball representatives will continue to meet about this project once approved in the 2025 City budget.
- Hidden Disability "Sunflower-Friendly Places": all City community centers are now included on the website to provide accessibility details and demonstrate the City's commitment to inclusion and accessibility for individuals with hidden disabilities
- Accessible picnic pads completed at Centennial Park: outdoor furniture to be bolted down to ensure sites remain accessible. New reservation signs to come.
- 2024 ADA Annual Report: City departments have submitted their updates from 2024 and Manager Ruiz continues to work on this report to be shared in January.
- 2025 ADA Advisory Committee meeting dates: dates included in meeting packet
- Next meeting: December 19, 2024 at Evanston Public Library

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- A member suggested that a Hidden Disability Sunflower bin be placed at the main Library site to provide access to Sunflower supplies for additional community members. Manager Ruiz to follow up with Library staff.
- A member shared details about a barrier in place at La Principal restaurant which creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians; Manager Ruiz to follow up.
- A member shared that large cement blocks are creating a barrier for pedestrians at Main and Sherman. Manager Ruiz to follow up.
- A member shared details about barriers in place for pedestrians on Chicago Ave. south of Jewel; Manager Ruiz to follow up.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM.