



MINUTES
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library/Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLE CALL

Members present: Murphy Monroe, Jack Kleisner, Jim Johnson, Matt Dinerstein, Julia Pantoga, Donna Stevens, Litrea Hunter

Guests: Fred Wittenberg, Ronnie McCarron, Patrick Hughes, Miriam McAuley, Alice Eakes

Staff present: Yazari Gutierrez (Senior Services Coordinator), Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager), Kim Kull (Division Chief, Fire Department), Amy Kellogg (Senior Services Division Manager), Audrey Thompson (Director of Parks & Recreation)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 23 minutes were approved by the group.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guest speaker

- Emergency Preparedness for Evanston's disability community: see presentation and resources attached from Chief Kull
- Discussion and questions:
 - Resources for the future: obtaining emergency food/water/shelter, providing these resources to 311
 - Resource suggestions: CJE, provides meals, financial assistance, contacts within the community, Meals on Wheels

Review of new inquiries/grievances: this section has been updated to include the items discussed, majority were postponed until next meeting due to timing

- Sidewalk removed on Davis: viaduct work being completed on southwest side, location not blocked off and was covered with gravel. Concrete was poured to resolve within a few days.
- Inaccessible City communication re: boil order: map was provided which was inaccessible for screen readers, no explanation included. Future maps to include text explaining safety orders, contact info for accommodations.

Other items:

- ADA Advisory Committee 2025/26 Work Plan: Julia Pantoga and Donna Stevens moved to approve the Work Plan, all agreed.
- New membership applications/reminders: everyone is always welcome to attend Committee meetings as a visitor, discussion took place about Committee applicants being asked to disclose disability, provide additional info about experience related to the disability community. Manager Ruiz to update application and membership procedures to include an interview with new applicants.
- Next meeting: March 27, 2025

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion took place during guest speaker's presentation, see above.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Discussion took place during guest speaker presentation and related to new membership applications/reminders, see above.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.