



**ADA Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2025 @ 3:00 PM**  
Evanston Public Library/Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLE CALL**

Members present: Mark Karlin, Adrienne Allen, Julia Pantoga, Murphy Monroe

Guests: Fred Wittenberg, Ronnie McCarron, Patrick Hughes

Staff present: Yazari Gutierrez (Senior Services Coordinator), Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager), Amy Kellogg (Senior Services Division Manager), Kim Kull (Division Chief, Fire Department), Scott Sophier (Commander, Police Department)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December 19 minutes were approved by Mark Karlin and Fred Wittenberg.

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Guest speaker

- Safety tips for Evanston's disability community: see attached presentation from Commander Sophier
- Questions: Based on questions asked Commander Sophier discussed recent changes in state law requiring Police Dept. new training in crisis intervention and supporting individuals with disabilities, the Department's goal of connecting with all communities through meetings, "Coffee with a Cop," CARE team

Review of new inquiries/grievances:

- Snow event/street cleaning policies: options for individuals with disabilities: possible accommodation of overnight parking in an accessible space at community center, communicating snow and parking alerts via phone or prepared schedule if applicable
- Evanston's emergency preparedness planning for the disability community: Fire Dept. representative to join us in Feb.

Other items:

- Envision Evanston 2045 feedback shared, next steps: thank you for all of your feedback! New draft plan to be provided at end of Feb. for review
- 2024 ADA Transition Plan Annual Update

- New seasonal position: Accessibility Advisor: interviews to be held at the end of Feb.
- ADA Advisory Committee 2025/26 Work Plan: suggestions from Members and visitors provided including providing more details about sidewalk work, increasing Committee engagement/presence at City Council, establishing a schedule for Committee attendees to City Council meetings, creating a "top 10" priority list from the ADA Transition Plan for the City
- Next meeting: February 27, 2025

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A visitor asked for confirmation about the stairs being removed at the Northwest corner of Central and Greenbay, Manager Ruiz to confirm
- A visitor discussed the necessity of an elevator at the Davis Street Metra station

#### **5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

- A Committee member requested a staff from the City's Parking Admin team to join an upcoming meeting to discuss W permits, more specific data around the cost of accessible parking to the City
- A member requested for more budget-related details to be included in the ADA Annual Report in the future
- A request was made to send a copy of the ADA Annual Report to members of City Council

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM.