



AGENDA
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 28, 2023
3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.
First Floor Community Room

(I) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

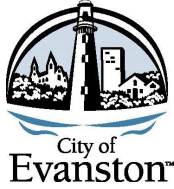
(IV) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. ADA/Disability Services procedures & website updates
- b. Altura training and 2023 ADA Transition Plan update
- c. ADA Advisory Committee Work Plan approved
- d. Updates about previous inquiries/grievances
 - Howard Street CTA stop/parking spaces removal
 - Beach accessibility for individuals with visual impairments
 - Beach mobi-mat maintenance
- e. Review of new inquiries/grievances
 - Service dog not permitted in Levy
 - Hill Arboretum ramp standards
 - Accessible parking at Library and Robert Crown Community Center
 - Dog park gate accessibility for individuals with visual impairments
 - Music at Chili's
 - Accessible parking blocked during construction
- f. ADA Advisory Committee membership

- Recruitment
- Membership application questions

(V) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

(VI) ADJOURNMENT



Meeting Minutes **ADA Advisory Committee**

Thursday, July 26, 2023

3:00pm

**Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave,
First Floor Community Room**

Members Present: Murphy Monroe, Adrian Allen, Litrea Hunter, Mark Karlin, Cherie Lockett, Donna Stevens

Guests: Patrick Hughes, Bridget Nash, Lara Biggs, Kathy Lyons, Miriam McAuley, Ronnie McKarin, Jim Johnson

Staff Present: Audrey Thompson (Director of Parks & Recreation), Lauren Ruiz (Disability Rights & Advocacy Manager), Amy Kellogg (Senior Services Division Manager), Rachel Stams (Senior Services Advocate)

Presiding Member: Murphy Monroe

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

With a quorum present, Murphy Monroe called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Johnson motioned to approve the June 22 minutes.
The group agreed to approve the May 25 minutes as well.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- An inquiry was made about a need for resources for agencies/people that assist with training assistance animals, examples were shared related to safety and the need for a well-trained assistance animal. Suggestions were made by the Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Ruiz reported:

- “Inquiries” and “grievances” will be two separate categories to label communication from community members
- These label options will be included on the City’s new “Inquiry/Grievance Form”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Parking spaces on Howard Street that limit ability of bus to pull up to the curb: still waiting for CTA approval of changes.

NEW BUSINESS

- New grievances: beach accessibility for individuals with visual impairments. An individual expressed concerns related to stress involved with beach visits related to objects hitting her in the head. Initial meeting with Manager Ruiz has taken place.
 - It was shared that Egyptian City has created a beach space dedicated to providing accessibility for individuals with visual impairments (tactile divider in place)
- New inquiries: suggestions for Levy Senior Center - improvements needed for individuals with visual impairments such as labeling weights, providing small adapted equipment for ongoing social programs, making public aware of accommodation procedures. Initial meeting with Manager Ruiz has taken place.
- ADA/Disability Services webpages continuing to be updated (accommodation requests, inquiry/grievance form, contact info)
- Lara Biggs (Capital Planning & Engineering Bureau Chief) provided a presentation about the City's Sidewalk Improvement Plan
 - Sidewalks are critical to key City initiatives
 - Engineering team developed a new improvement program, in place since 2022. Focus on high priority areas first: schools, medical facilities/ pharmacies, transit
 - Streets Division: evaluates and applies patches when City receives concerns/complaints via 311
 - ADA Transition Plan: Sidewalk Improvement Program is referenced and meets requirements for the ADA Transition Plan.
 - If an individual with a disability cannot navigate sidewalk: complete ADA service request, will get passed along to Engineering/Streets Division, will be patched, if possible, location will be elevated in the sidewalk plan depending on timing
 - A question was asked about audible traffic signals. The City is starting to install these.
 - A question was asked about how the Committee can help increase the budget for the Sidewalk Improvement Program. Make statements, letters to City Council during budget time. City Council has been very supportive of the plan.
 - More info available on City website: [Sidewalk Improvement Program](#)
- The Committee approved the goals and work plan presented by Manager Ruiz
 - A suggestion was made to invite members of City Council, City staff to meetings
 - Suggestions were made to measure effectiveness of the goals: attendance at meetings, number of grievances, number of compliments, survey/questionnaires

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.