



AGENDA
ADA Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave,
First Floor Community Room / Zoom

(I) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(IV) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Updates about previous inquiries and grievances

- Main Library parking garage is open
- Green Bay Road crosswalks/pedestrian signals
- Volunteering at cat shelter
- Beach accessibility for individuals with visual impairments
- Service animal/emotional support animal policies

Review of new inquiries/grievances

- Placard missing from Oakton/Gray crosswalk
- Request for prerecorded newsletters for Levy and Parks and Rec
- Accessible entrance signs at Noyes

Training/education updates

- Manager Ruiz scheduling department meetings re: ADA Transition Plan Annual Update
- 2024 ADA Advisory Committee to host disability awareness event?
 - JJ's List/Disability Awareness Players

Committee membership application

- New applicant: Tom B.
- Google form version of application
- Application to be posted on City Committee website by end of November

(V) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

(VI) ADJOURNMENT



ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library / Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members Present: Murphy Monroe, Cherie Lockett, Julia Pantoga, Litrea Hunter, Donna Stevens, Mark Karlin

Guests: Tom Bobowski, Patrick Hughes, Kathy Lyons

Staff Present: Lauren Ruiz (Disability Rights & Advocacy Manager,) Rachel Stams (Senior Services Advocate)

Presiding Member: Murphy Monroe

Murphy Monroe called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The group agreed to approve the September 28 minutes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A situation was shared by a visitor about a Paralympic athlete who plans to visit Evanston from Chicago to attend a concert. Due to inaccessibility of Evanston transportation (L platforms) she has been unable to travel here easily.
 - Only 2 of 6 train stations in Evanston are accessible

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Updates about previous inquiries/grievances

- Accessible parking at Library: parking garage status - not yet open.
 - Update from member: MOU signed between Library and City. New opening in writing: Oct. 30. Hold ups were signage and safety adjustments. Noted that a motion was passed by the Commission on Aging and Disabilities to communicate in writing about the urgency of the parking garage being re-opened. Has not been sent yet due to updated info.

- Manager Ruiz reported:
 - Previous complaint about accessing contact information to receive an accommodation/make an inquiry beginning 10/30/23 all Parks & Recreation physical flyers and electronic flyers/newsletters will include our Accommodation Statement
 - A new City email signature template was provided 10/27/23 for all City staff which includes the Accommodation Statement

b. Review of new inquiries/grievances

- Green Bay Road crosswalks/pedestrian signals: an inquiry was made by a community member stating crosswalks at Green Bay Road and Lincoln, Central, and Livingston are missing detectable warning surfaces and pedestrian signals are too short. Manager Ruiz is working with the engineering dept. to obtain information about work on these areas
- Volunteering at cat shelter: Communication with a community member who submitted a grievance at the start of Sept. has resumed. Family feels a woman with a disability was discriminated against by staff at the Evanston cat shelter when she met with interest in volunteering. Lauren will hold a disability awareness training with cat shelter staff on 10/1/23 and continuing work with the family if still interested.
 - To note, cat shelter staff are not Evanston City employees. The City owns the space.

c. Committee training/education updates

- Emergency Preparedness Fair: was held Sept. 14. Accommodation request flyers were provided at a resource table, Manager Ruiz answered questions at the table. Future: more materials (pamphlets, etc.)
- Access Evanston Tour: 2 community members attended the bus tour with Manager Ruiz and Murphy Monroe. Beneficial for leaders and interesting to hear attendees' experiences and opinions.
 - Staff Rachel Stams shared that the Long Term Care Committee would like to attend a future tour.

d. ADA Advisory Committee membership application

- Changes or additions: 2 grammar changes were made by a member. The Committee officially adopted the membership application.
- Availability of application: attendees provided suggestions of where to promote the Committee and distribute the application including ETHS, Northwestern, facilities included in the Disability Access Tour, social security office, Erie Family Health, American Legion

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- Manager Ruiz shared a flyer and information about an upcoming Audio/Touch Art Tour at Noyes Cultural Arts Center on 11/4/23. Art Program Coordinator is getting certified to provide audio descriptions so similar events to come.

6. ADJOURNMENT

ADA Advisory Committee
ADA Transition Plan Reference Guide

Evanston's ADA Transition Plan can be found [here](#):

- Go to the City website: cityofevanston.org
- Click on the "Residents" tab on the top left
- Click on "ADA/Disability Services"
- Click on the "ADA Transition Plan" tab on the left

Suggested areas for review:

- Executive Summary and Chapter 1: Introduction, **pages 2-13**
- Prioritization Process: **pages 45-47**
- Annual Update Process: **pages 51-52**
- Public Survey Summary Info: **pages 54-57**
- List of Evanston Facilities Evaluated: **pages 156-159**
- Programs, Services, and Activities Checklist: **pages 571-580**
- Glossary: **pages 586-591**