



Northbrook Special Needs Inclusion Commission – Regular Meeting

**NORTHBROOK VILLAGE HALL
SHERMER STUDY
6:30PM
1225 CEDAR LANE
Thursday, May 4, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:30PM
Present: Randi Gillespie, Laura Florek, Margaret Rohrabaugh, and Catherine Brandell.
Absent: Barry Craven, Catherine Caporusso
Other: Staff Liaison Sam Reiss

II. HEAR FROM AUDIENCE

Two local residents attended the meeting and introduced themselves as parents of a child with special needs.

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Chair Gillespie made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Brandell. Approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESSES

- a. Disability Awareness Training → Commissioners discussed the Disability Awareness Trainings. Liaison Reiss reported that the various partners of the event have agreed to conduct the trainings on Monday Sept. 11 starting at 9:30am.
- b. Housing Workshops → Commissioners discussed various aspects of the proposal to conduct a series of Housing Workshops. Commissioners discussed the proposal from Commissioner Mack that was based off of a housing summit in Hoffman Estates. Commissioners reinforced that there would be multiple workshops focusing on supportive housing, an overview of all community-based housing options, and an overview of community-based housing options funded by the State among other topics related to housing.

V. NEW BUSINESSES

- a. Recommendation to the Village Board – A Recommendation Regarding Virtual Access to Public Meetings of Village Board & Commissions. → Commissioners discussed the recommendation to the Village Board to live-stream all meetings of the Village Board's committees and Commissions. Liaison Reiss reported that there are roughly 21 commissions that would

need to be livestreamed if the recommendation was adopted. Liaison Reiss reported that the Village could not just live-stream one commission and would need to live-stream all commissions. After further discussions on the proposal the Commission came to a consensus to not pursue the recommendation at this time. Commissioners decided to table a final discussion and vote on the June 1, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Rohrabaugh motioned to table the matter. Seconded by Commissioner Florek. Approved unanimously.

VI. COMMUNITY NEWS

- a. Flamingo Friday Kickoff – May 12 from 5pm – 7pm → Liaison Reiss shared with the Commission the upcoming Flamingo Friday Kickoff on May 12. Liaison Reiss shared that the Community Commission invited the Special Needs Inclusion Commission to attend if members are available.
- b. Community Moment at Village Board meeting

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. July 6, 2023

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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