**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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**ARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Monday, September 16, 2024

The **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION** convened its meeting at **7:00 pm** on **September 16, 2024**.

**PRESENT (IN-PERSON)** Commissioner Alexa Mavroidis, chair

Commissioner Karen Audant

**PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)** Commissioner Elizabeth Priaulx

**ABSENT** Commissioner Doris Ray

Commissioner Bryant Atkins

Commissioner Duncan Barron

Commissioner Justin Boatner

Commissioner Suzette Riser

**STAFF** **Courtney Sales**

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

*Public Comment*

Mrs. McAlice addressed the following:

1. Fire Emergency System at Elevators -Captain Dwyer, Arlington County Fire Department, confirmed that the two-way communication system in the building is not connected to the fire department. Captain Dwyer discussed and recommended registering in the community connect. This registry assist responders with knowing the location and functional needs of persons with disabilities in the event of an emergency. Mrs. McAlice was provided with the community connect link to try. The link will be forwarded to the staff liaison to share with the commissioners. Per the request of the commission, the staff liaison will invite Cpt Robert Bowen to an upcoming DAC meeting to discuss this and other topics and answer questions.

Community Connection [link](https://sizeup.firstduesizeup.com/cc/arlington/auth/signin)

1. Crosswalks at Parkway to Market Street do not provide enough time to cross safely. This negatively impacts several pedestrians and their safety traveling to the Reston Town Center. Mrs. McAlice will send a copy of the Recommended Improvements for Safe Pedestrian Access to Reston Town Center PowerPoint to the staff liaison to forward to the commissioners.

[PowerPoint](https://arlingtonva-my.sharepoint.com/personal/csales_arlingtonva_us/Documents/Ready%20to%20File/Reston%20Document.pptx?web=1)

1. Mrs. McAlice recommended a field trip to the Waycroft-Ballston Apartments. She’ll email the staff liaison dates to forward to commissioners who are interested.

B*arcroft Land Use Analysis: Engagement Working Group-Commissioner Karen Audant*

Commissioner Karen reviewed the final draft of the plan. There were slight changes in the language from May and June’s draft. For example, there will be a minimum of 10% Type A units however the final draft states, *will strive to include Type A units in renovation projects when feasible*. The plan includes the addition of 1700 new units at market rate. Not confirmed if this includes the 10% Type A units at market rate. In addition, no more than 50% of the Permanent Supported Housing (PSH) units will be designated accessible.

 Action: Commissioner Karen will ask Matt McHugh, Housing staff liaison, about the market rate and what is enforceable on the rates for Type A units.

*ADA Training Certificate -Commissioner Karen*

Commissioner Karen contacted the ADA Coordinator for Montgomery County, MD requesting a conference call in September or October.

*Marcus Alert Group-Commissioner Elizabeth*

The Marcus Alert group met to discuss updates on the implementation of the plan. The draft has not changed. The concern of non-county residents utilizing Arlington County services was discussed. The group will keep an eye on this matter. A contributing factor and barrier could be how long county residents must wait for county programs.

**MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES**

*Approval of May and June Meeting Minutes.*

No quorum

Meeting adjourned at **9:08 pm**.

Next Meeting: Monday October 21, 2024, virtual