

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

1:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Committee on Citizens with Disabilities

Committee Members

Anthony Arellano

Pam Heavens

Billie Jo Adams

Kim Hudgens

John Jamontas

Gary Jones

Veronica Pollard

Riley Spreadbury

Sherry Voight

Steven Voight

Citizens who are unable to attend the meeting can email comments in advance of the meeting to publiccomment@joliet.gov.

ROLL CALL

Present Billy Jo Adams, Chairperson Anthony Arellano, Pam Heavens, Kim Hudgens, Gary Jones, Veronica Pollard, Riley Spreadbury, Sherry Voight, Steven Voight and John Jamontas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes, February 2025

[TMP-8356](#)

Attachments: [2301 A Committee on Citizens with Disabilities 25-02-18 Meeting Agenda.pdf](#)

These Minutes were approved.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

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NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Recommendations for the Consolidated Plan 2025-2029

[TMP-8353](#)

The Committee discusses the needs of the disabled community and how to ensure the needs are addressed within the CDBG Consolidated Plan. CDBG Program Manager Jacqueline Lozada provides resources to participate in the community surveys, and 1 on 1 consultations. It is discussed that the CDBG public facility improvements mandate all capital improvement projects follow ADA regulations.

Discussion: Resources to Understanding Reasonable Accommodations, and Effectively Communicating with Citizens with Disabilities

[TMP-8357](#)

The Committee discusses the importance and need for reasonable accommodations and how to effectively communicate with residents with disabilities. Current accommodations are discussed – including the translator services available, audio recordings and visual minutes for each Committee and Council meeting, as well as recent website and application accessibility training.

Discussion: Proposed Disability Fair and Recognition of "Americans with Disabilities Act" July, 2025

[TMP-8358](#)

The Committee discusses the proposed disability fair in July and how to bring recognition to the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is suggested to host a disabilities fair at Bicentennial Park on July 26th - with resources and art exhibits available. It was requested to have a Proclamation drafted for this to be recognized at Council on July 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

This adjournment was approved.

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