

Village of Hoffman Estates
Commission for People with Disabilities
Minutes
February 16, 2026

Commissioners Present: Ed Matone, Chair, Judy Senase, Mary Ann Ogilvie, Jean Jiang, Paul Schweet and Greg Carroll

Absent: Janet Green, T.J. Zweidinger, Deb Williams,

Staff Liaison Present: Audra Marks

- I. Call to Order-Called to order by Ed Matone at 6:10 PM
- II. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from January 19th meeting minutes was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Paul.
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Chair Report
 - a. Project Alex Donation (\$500-\$700) Discussion on what to do with the money. Options included new equipment or food for March event.
 - b. Broken equipment (foosball table)
- V. Staff Liaison Report
 - a. Suggestion to establish a new Leadership Committee comprised of young adults and possibly one representative (from our commission). Focus would be to have the Leadership Committee meet and let us (the commission) know the programming (e.g. activities, food, outside events) that they would like. Things to think about prior to establishing such a committee include: how much guidance would we (the commission) provide?, how many young adults would be on the committee?, when would they meet (suggestion to meet 30 minutes before First Friday), how would young adults be selected?, would the representative provide them with an agenda to follow?, how would young adults find out about this new committee?, Would they require any funds? (Audra suggested that additional funds could go towards this new committee).
 - b. Transporting items to and from events. Audra would prefer that facilities help with transporting items to and from events so the responsibility doesn't fall on one person with limited car space.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. A continued concern is the friction between two participants (Darius & Joseph). Darius continues to intimidate Joseph. Staff at last First Friday were on alert and kept an eye on Darius the whole night. Brainstormed ideas on how to de-escalate the situation and not pull all of our resources into watching Darius. We decided that Darius' mom will need to stay with her son during First Friday event. Paul offered to call mom to explain the situation and our request.
- VII. New Business
 - a. St. Patrick's Day Celebration-First Friday's March event.
 - i. Food (from Morrettis) to include: Pizza (sausage, pepperoni, and cheese, mozzarella sticks, salad, pasta, chicken tenders and water. Plus, 2 large gluten

free pizzas. The group decided to use Project Alex donation to cover the food cost.

- ii. DJ
- iii. Swag: beads, hats, glasses, rings-may need more St. Patrick's day stuff
- b. April First Friday canceled since it lands on Good Friday
- c. May First Friday: Cinco de Mayo celebration
 - i. Craft
 - ii. Spanish Bingo
 - iii. Spanish music
 - iv. Food: pizza, nachos/cheese, and water
 - v. Suggestion was to look at getting churros: Ed has a contact at a Mexican Bakery. He will reach out to see what the cost would be.

VIII. Comments

- a. None

IX. Adjournment-Next Meeting March 16 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Judy Senase