

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues  
July 18, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, Gloria Kolb, Patti Smith and Ramona Williams

Commissioners Excused: Ian Scott, Monica Cox

Sign Language Interpreter: Julie Vance

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Smith motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler, that the agenda be approved as amended by changing Section V. to Approval of June 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes and removing a. Ira Lax from Section III. Presentations. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

- a. Susan Pollack, Executive Director for the Downtown Development Authority, and her co-worker Amber Miller, Planning Specialist, spoke to the Commission about the Connecting Williams Street Project and their interest in the Commission's input. This initiative will involve taking five City parcels to create them for uses that will better serve the community. The five city-owned parking areas they are looking at are the Library Lot, the Old Y Lot, the ground floor of the 4<sup>th</sup> and William parking structure, the Palio lot, and the Kline Lot. The Commission will schedule a meeting with Pollack and Miller.

IV. Public Comments – None

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the June 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes as amended by changing Section VI. Old Business e. 2. Motion carries.

## VI. Old Business

- a. City Personnel Report – None
- b. Chair Report
  1. New Commissioner Monica Cox was not present for Chairperson Evans to formally introduce to the Commission.
- c. Recruiting Committee
  1. Commissioner Kolb discussed the meet and greet event that the Commission is coordinating, in which the public is invited to come and express any accessibility concerns or issues. The Commission reviewed a draft flier that will be posted and made changes as necessary. Chairperson Evans moved to vote the modifications, and Commissioner Kolb approved, with Commissioner Keeler seconding the motion. All in favor.
- d. Hollywood Committee
  1. Chairperson Evans briefly updated the Commission about how she has been in contact with the botanical gardens to initiate progress with the Sensory Garden in Liberty Plaza. They will be meeting next week to discuss plant selection. Contact Amy Seavitt, City Liaison, at (734) 794-6122 with suggestions.
- e. Partners in Access Committee
  1. Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) at Broadway and Swift – Chairperson Evans highlighted the letter drafted to Patrick Crawley with the recommendation of installing an Audible Pedestrian System in this location. Chairperson Evans moved to vote the changes made to the draft, and Commissioner Keeler approved, with Commissioner Kolb seconding the motion. All in favor.
  2. Curb Cut at Hubbard and Green – Commissioner Smith recounted the concern brought to the Commission by a citizen regarding the non-compliant corner. Members of the Commission went out to the site for an evaluation and agree that a curb cut should be installed.
- f. Voting Committee
  1. The Commission held the voting election. Linda Evans won vote for Chair. Gloria Kolb won vote for Vice Chair.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Announcements

- a. Chairperson Evans informed the Commission that the Living with Low Vision group that convenes at Kellogg Eye Center has recently changed their meeting day. Please call the center to determine the new time and day of the meetings.
- b. Chairperson Evans spoke to the Commission about the Non-Motorized Transportation Review Board. The board is looking for feedback from the Commission. Chairperson Evans will be the spokesperson.

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Assistant