



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission on Disability Issues

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present all participants from Ann Arbor, MI.

Present 6 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Rachel Hawkins, Elizabeth Nelson, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

Absent 4 - Matthew Solomon, Debra Poster, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No Quorum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Quorum

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Edwin Portugal

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ

For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - JOYCE BLAIR

For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>

PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - ALEX GOSSAGE & RACHEL HAWKINS

PIA: L. Keeler reported the PIA met and will look to the commission for ideas and suggestions to work on this fall.

Community Engagement: R. Hawkins announced Ann Arbor Inclusive recorded new episode that will premiere on Friday, October 28th at 4:30 p.m. with guest Brian Wilkerson from Michigan Track Chair.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler reported reaching out with applicant E. Portugal and invited him to attend our meeting to speak at public comment. The next step will be to plan interviews in the near future.

Anyone who is interested in applying can do so by contacting the Mayor's office at 734-794-6161, or applying online at

<https://a2gov.granicus.com/boards/w/fe6c5e22e6f4a331/vacancies>

This site can also be accessed online via the following path:

- 1. Go to a2gov.org*
- 2. Click "Democracy" in the orange banner at the top of the page*
- 3. Click "Board and Commissions" under the Meetings column.*
- 4. Scroll down to and click "Commission on Disability Issues" from the alphabetically sorted list.*
- 5. Click the "Apply" button at the upper-right corner of the page.*
- 6. Complete the application, including all required fields, and then click "Submit" at the button of the page.*

Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on subcommittees such as Partners in Access and Community Engagement.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler provided an update on September's Transportation commission meeting. The commission discussed the open seat formerly reserved for Ann Arbor business owner, now available to anyone. The commission talked about their Capital Improvement Plan to include;

more corridors and crosswalks to help with speed control. At the Greenview construction site they are installing some bike lanes to help prevent people from parking in the middle of the street. At the conclusion of the meeting there is time for Board and Commissions to address their concerns. For additional information, please refer to the minutes attached to the agenda packet.

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U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - KATHLEEN MOZAK

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. The discussion focused on Phil Deaton, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of Equity, Civil Rights and Title IX. Two updates were discussed regarding information and technology services. Topics; strategies for providing digital feedback from software creators; close caption availability, font size, names of meeting participants, shape of closed caption box and auto scrolling transcripts. The University is working on a draft template. Upcoming 2022 Anti-Ableist Academy conference, related to disability at the University. Neubacher award ceremony held virtually on Friday, November 4, 2022. Please refer to the minutes attached to the agenda packet. Commissioner Mozak is stepping down as liaison to the CfDC and the advisory board.

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CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

No update to report.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave the chair report. October is Disability Employment Awareness Month. The chair reported on his meeting at Bitty and Beau's coffee shop and how it is dedicated to employ people with disabilities from our community. Commissioners are encouraged to volunteer as Liaison for CfDC to keep us aware of what's going on with accessibility on campus. If you are interested in filling the vacancy, please send an email to the chair and D. Jeanes. CODI is in the process of forming a recruitment subcommittee to support vice chair Keller's work on application reviews. Any commissioner interested in joining, please notify the chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Recruitment Subcommittee

Z. Damon discussed in the Chair Report.

NEW BUSINESS

New Director of Organizational Equity, Laura Orta

Z. Damon asked if commissioners have any questions they would like the director to have previous to her visit in November to please email him or D. Jeanes.

COMMUNICATIONS

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., via Electronic Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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