

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
February 26, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Amy Shepherd, Alison Stroud
Commissioners Excused: Linda Evans, Lloyd Shelton
Sign Language Interpreter: Emily Zaleski
CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Stroud called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Petersen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor Public Library announced upcoming events and programs for the month of March at the library, as well as the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. Contact aadl.org or call 327-4000 for a list of current programs. 327-4224 to reach Library for the Blind.

IV. Public Comments – none

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Shepherd motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler to approve the January 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes as amended by adding language to VI. Old Business, c. Recruiting Committee and e. Partners in Access Committee. All in favor. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

a. City Personnel Report

1. An updated roster with all listed committees and their respective chairs was distributed.

b. Chair Report

1. Vice Chair Alison Stroud requested that all information for next month's packet be submitted by March 1st.

c. Recruiting Committee

1. Commissioner Keeler announced there were no updates.
2. Vice Chair Stroud provided contact information for those interested in being on the Commission. They may contact the City Liaison, Amy Seavitt, at (734) 794-6122 or reach out to the Mayor's Office at (734) 794-6161 for an application.

d. Hollywood Committee

1. Vice Chair Stroud announced no updates for the committee in Chairperson Evan's absence.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Commissioner Petersen recapped the use of potential closed captioning and descriptive audio for the Commission on Disability Issues meetings. Discussion ensued.
2. Vice Chair Stroud reviewed the meeting that took place to discuss the action plan regarding AAATA drivers.
3. Vice Chair Stroud discussed the request for new sidewalks. A letter will be drafted by Commissioner Keeler and emailed to Michael Nearing, Project Manager, and Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator.
4. Vice Chair Stroud spoke about the Accessible Pedestrian Signal action plan. Discussion ensued about establishing a team to research possible issues at traffic intersections in Ann Arbor.
5. Vice Chair Stroud gave an update on the public meeting that was held for the universal access playground. Those interested in updates on the project may contact the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation area at (734) 794-6230 or a2parks@a2gov.org.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Vice Chair Stroud informed the Commission that the website was close to being finished and would be finalized upon Chairperson Evans' return.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Announcements

- a. Commissioner Shepherd announced that the Ann Arbor Lion's Club will hold a celebration dinner to induct new Leo Club youth members.
- b. Vice Chair Stroud recapped an email from the Ann Arbor District Library in which a public forum will be held to discuss the preliminary concept of improving the front entrance of the Downtown Library.
- c. Commissioner Shepherd announced the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living transition skill building workshop.
- d. Commission Keeler announced the bowling tournament at Bel-Mark Lanes.

IX. Adjournment – Vice Chair Stroud adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Coordinator