

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
October 17, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, Gloria Kolb, Monica Cox, Sally Petersen, Ramona Williams

Commissioners Excused: Ian Scott, Patti Smith

Sign Language Interpreter: Mark Halley

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kolb motioned, seconded by Commissioner Cox, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

- a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor Public Library addressed the Commission about the Braille music collection that is available and can be delivered free of charge. He also gave contact information for the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. The public can reach out by phone at (734) 327-4224 or visit the website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org>. The general number for the Ann Arbor Public Library is (734) 327-4200.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Thomas Partridge, an Ann Arbor resident, made public comment regarding his run for a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives. He spoke about areas of interest involving affordable housing, transportation, education, and voting accessibility for disabled persons and senior citizens. Partridge suggested reorienting commission meeting times and sites to gain more publicity and create more impact.

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Cox motioned, seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the September 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes as amended by correcting the spelling of Commissioner Petersen's surname and correcting VI. Old Business, Section e, Parts 1 and 2. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

a. City Personnel Report

1. City Liaison, Amy Seavitt, distributed updated rosters for the Commission.

b. Chair Report

1. Chairperson Evans commented on Thomas Partridge's public commentary, indicating the Commission would be looking into his concerns.

c. Recruiting Committee

1. Commissioner Kolb discussed the turn out of the meet and greet event that the Commission held September 29 from 11 – 1 pm, which changed last minute from an original date of September 22 due to rain. She noted that many people stopped by and picked up applications.

d. Hollywood Committee

1. Chairperson Evans briefly summarized the meeting for the sensory garden. The botanical garden that the Commission is working with will provide a list of plants to incorporate and Adopt A Park will draft an outline for the remaining steps to complete.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Curb Cut at Hubbard and Green – Commissioner Kolb had no status update for the curb cut. More information to come next meeting when Commissioner Smith is present.
2. Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) at Broadway and Swift – Commissioner Kolb discussed following up with Patrick Cawley.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Chairperson Evans had nothing new to report.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Announcements

- a. Commissioner Petersen updated the Commission on minor program changes concerning the Investing in Ability event at the University of Michigan. More information is available at <http://ability.umich.edu/iaw>. She also discussed the upcoming forum on November 3rd called How Responsive is Ann Arbor to Issues of Aging and Varying Disabilities?

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Assistant