

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

3:15 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council  
Chambers

**Disability Issues, Commission on**

**I**      **ROLL CALL**

*Sally Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM in Council Chambers of Larcom City Hall.*

**Present**    8 -    Larry Keeler, Alison Stroud, Larry Leon Davis, Sally Hart Petersen, Zachary Damon, Albert Blixt, Rebecca Benedict, and Kirk Westphal

**Absent**    1 -    Anna Ercoli-Schnitzer

**II**      **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*L. Keeler moves to approve, seconded by Z. Damon. All approved on a voice vote.*

*A. Stroud asked that the Snow Removal Assistance Resolution be added to the Partners in Access discussion.*

*All approved the amended agenda on a voice vote.*

**III**     **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16 MEETING MINUTES**

*K. Westphal moves to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Stroud. All approved on a voice vote.*

**IV**     **PRESENTATIONS**

**A**      **IRA LAX, WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

*Ira gave an update on the events for December at the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. For a complete list of events and new book lists, please visit <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>.*

*In the next few weeks:*

- January 10, the film "Notes on Blindness" is showing from 7:00 to 8:30.*
- January 11, Ann Arbor high schools will have representatives present to answer questions about the best fit for your child.*
- January 12, a Sustainable Ann Arbor forum is taking place.*
- January 15, Alzhiemers Association of Washtenaw County will be talking about effective communication strategies and skills.*

**V**      **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VI      OLD BUSINESS**

**A          CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - HEATHER KOCH**

**B          CHAIR REPORT - SALLY PETERSEN, CHAIR**

APPOINT A DISABILITY COMMISSION MEMBER TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*S. Petersen would like to take a nomination of a commissioner to be on the Transportation Commission. There will be one member on the Transportation Commission from the Disabilities Commission. This commission will replace the Taxicab Board.*

*R. Benedict nominated herself for the Transportation Commission.  
A. Stroud nominated R. Benedict for the Transportation Commission.  
Z. Damon seconded the nomination for the Transportation Commission.*

*All commissioners approved R. Benedict's appointment to the Transportation Commission. S. Petersen suggested that this become an additional section on the agendas moving forward.*

**C          COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

*Collaboration with the Lions Club has been brought to the attention of the commission. The Lions Club has agreed to take over the care and maintenance of the Sensory Garden. They will maintain the garden and help fund the events. Volunteering is still strongly encouraged to the commission and anyone else who wants to be involved.*

*The Lions Club will also like to put some public service announcements together regarding public pedestrian safety and has asked for the commission's feedback.*

*The commission has been invited to a Euchre tournament on January 29 hosted by the Lions Club. S. Petersen will send an email out about the tournament for commissioners to RSVP.*

*The Shop With a Cop event in the surrounding areas has not yet been established in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Linda Evans is going to be following up with the Ann Arbor Public Schools to get this started in the Ann Arbor Area.*

*Z. Damon gave an update on Ann Arbor Inclusive. The most recent episode included Marissa from the Hands On Museum and it recieved great feedback. The guests for the shows are booked up until June.*

**D PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALISON STROUD**

REVIEW FEEDBACK FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING ORDINANCE OUTREACH

*The Citizens of Ann Arbor had a chance to review the Closed Captioning Ordinance and answer questions about it on an Open City Hall Survey. There were a lot of responses to the survey.*

*S. Petersen has requested that the survey be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce members, as she would like to hear from the Ann Arbor business owners. The survey is currently closed, but the Communications Department would be able to re-open it to receive these responses.*

*S. Petersen requested that K. Westphal postpone the second reading of the Ordinance until February so that there is enough time to go over the details of the additional responses in the January meeting.*

REVIEW OF SNOW ASSISTANCE REMOVAL RESOLUTION

*This issue was brought to the commission's attention when a disabled couple could no longer remove snow from their own driveway, so they hired a private contractor. The private contractor plowed their driveway before the City plowed the street, and after the City plowed the street, the snow was pushed into their driveway which caused them to not be able to get out.*

*A. Stroud recommends that anyone in the commission who would like to make a change get their changes to her so that they can get this to City Council as soon as possible. The resolution would be sent to City Council to backfill the existing sidewalk ordinance. This resolution would request that City Council create a resolution to adopt these suggestions into the current ordinance.*

**E RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*Anyone interested in being on the Disabilities Commission can email [a2disabilities@gmail.com](mailto:a2disabilities@gmail.com), or contact the Mayor's office, to get an*

*application.*

*The commission currently has two applications to review. The commission currently has four openings.*

**VII      ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Al Blixt discussed the Intentional Communities of Washtenaw, provides supportive housing for people with developmental disabilities, has an educational speaker on January 10 regarding the strategic plan for the community of support services for people with developmental disabilities. It will be at 7:00 at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District building.*

**VIII     NEW BUSINESS**

**A            U OF M MEETING FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**IX        ADJOURNMENT**

*S. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.*

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