

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
October 20, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Briggs, Marjorie Olivier Cash, Ian Scott, Pam Baker-Trostle, and Deborah Murray

Commissioners Excused: Helen Meador, Joan Kauffman and Ramona Williams

Sign Language Interpreter: Tracey Romanow

CTN Camera Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Olivier Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioners Scott, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

- a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor District Library announced upcoming events and books available at the library, and the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. Contact aadl.org or call 327-4200 for a list of current programs.

IV. Public Comment - None

- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Olivier Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioners Scott, that the September 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes be approved with corrections in Adjournment – correction Chairperson Murray to Chairperson Briggs, and adding Commissioner Murray to Commissioners Present in the Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

- a. City Personnel Report – No report
- b. Chair Report
 - i. New Couch Ban/Renden's Law

ii. Press Release – Free Sofa Collection Event

c. Nominating Committee

1. No meeting, no new applications received.

d. Hollywood Committee

1. Self defense classes for the disabled - Working with CIL to organize classes, will provide report next month.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Preparing recommendation to City for Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at downtown library location. Letter will be developed after receiving input from commissioners and the viewing audience. Commissioner Murray gave an explanation of the Polaris APS function.
2. Disability Resource Page on City website – commission's responsibility to keep content up-to-date. Please review the web page and report old information and offer new information to this committee for revisions.

f. Budget Committee – No meeting, no activity.

1. Chairperson Briggs requested seminar ideas similar to the ADA Training held in August 2009.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Announcements

- a. U of M Disability Commission – Celebrating 20 Years of Raising Disability Awareness. Next week to include how dogs help the disabled and an Army/Navy wheelchair basketball game at Saline High School on Friday night.
- b. Reminder to go vote on Tuesday, November 2nd – use accessible voting machines or there is still time to apply for absentee vote. If you have any problems with the accessible voting machine feel free to contact Chair Briggs.

IX. Adjournment - Chairperson Briggs adjourned the meeting to closed session at 3:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Janet Carpenter, HR Administrative Coordinator