

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
March 19, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Alison Stroud, Larry Keeler, Lloyd Shelton,
Amy Shepherd, Sally Petersen

Commissioners Excused: None

Sign Language Interpreter: Tracey Romanow

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Stroud, 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.
- b. Carolyn Melchers, Head of the Friends of the City Partnership between Tübingen, Germany and Ann Arbor, spoke generally about the organization and the upcoming May 2015 trip to Michigan from Germany.

IV. Public Comments – none

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Vice Chair Stroud motioned, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to approve the February 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes as amended by changing I. Call to Order to Vice Chair Stroud and VI. Old Business, Section e. Partners in Access Committee to include

the word potential for the use of closed captioning and descriptive audio. All in favor. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

a. City Personnel Report

1. City Liaison Amy Seavitt confirmed Sally Petersen's term end date as August 19, 2016.

b. Chair Report

1. Chairperson Evans commended Vice Chair Stroud on leading the previous meeting. Instructions were given on how to view past meetings or streaming meetings online.
2. Chairperson Evans reminded the Commission to be conscious of others' disabilities and to talk one at a time.
3. Chairperson Evans will check with CTN for possibly incorporating a disclaimer for full inclusion.

c. Recruiting Committee

1. Chairperson Evans requested that Commissioner Keeler and Commissioner Shepherd schedule a time and date for a committee meeting.
2. Chairperson Evans 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. Applications are also available online through the City Clerk's website.

d. Hollywood Committee

1. Chairperson Evans reported that there was no activity.
2. Vice Chair Stroud discussed the possibility of community engagement. Chairperson Evans requested that Vice Chair Stroud and Commissioner Shelton schedule a meeting. Discussion ensued.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Chairperson Evans informed the Commission that the response to vote for the previously discussed closed captioning was not necessary.

2. Chairperson Evans spoke briefly about the APS signals during her time in Rochester, Michigan and how effectively they worked. Vice Chair Stroud announced that APS ideas could consequently be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Vice Chair Stroud reviewed the committee meeting from March 4th in which the committee discussed the potential issues with AAATA, the letter for the new sidewalk construction, potential questions for Colin Smith about the Universal Access Playground, and community engagement. Discussion ensued.
4. Vice Chair Stroud reported on the March 13th public forum hosted by the Board of the Ann Arbor District Library with Chairperson Evans.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Chairperson Evans informed the Commission that the Disability Resource page would be finished shortly. Vice Chair Stroud and Commissioner Shepherd will schedule a meeting date.

VII. New Business

- a. Commissioner Petersen highlighted that Councilmember Lumm and herself are drafting an ordinance amendment to the sidewalk ordinance in regards to the snow and ice.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Commissioner Shelton announced the U of M Students for Disability Allies workshop on April 9th at the School of Social Work.

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Coordinator