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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4:00 PM

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

Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Present 10 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon , Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

Absent 3 - Alison Stroud, Nikolas Koscielniak, and Kristen Harrison

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

L. Keeler moved to approve the agenda with a note regarding the attachment of the U of M Disability Concerns meeting minutes in lieu of report. Movement seconded by D. Poster
All approved on a voice vote

III APPROVAL OF APRIL 17 MEETING MINUTES

L. Keeler moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting with corrections, seconded
by T. Hull.
All approved on a voice vote.

IV PRESENTATIONS

a KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at http://wlbpd.aadl.org/

b SOPHIE SKOCHELAK; NFT, IL SPECIALIST, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website
at http://www.annarborcil.org/

V PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO EIGHT MINUTES

No public comments were brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS**

C. Farris passed along an invitation to the commission regarding the meet and greet with the City's police chief candidates, occuring after the meeting in the Justice Center.

b **CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

Z. Damon gave a report on a discussion with Sharie Sell, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for the City, who would like to meet with and present to the commission at the next meeting.

c **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - RACHEL HAWKINS**

R. Hawkins provided an update on the Community Engagement Committee. The annual clean-out of the sensory garden at Liberty Plaza will occur on May 18. The line-up for Sonic Lunch was recently announced that will be occuring June 6 through August 29, please refer to their website for details.

d **ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE (TOM HOATLIN/LINDA EVANS) - RACHEL HAWKINS**

The Ann Arbor Inclusive will be taping bi-monthly moving forward along with some other updates being made on the show. Linda Evans would like to see if the commission would be interested in participating in a public service announcement, which the commission will discuss when they next meet.

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

A. Stroud was not present, though E. Nelson did meet with the City Attorney regarding requiring events to disclose accessability issues prior to them. The City Attorney will work on gathering background on how other communities handle this. She also reported that the ADA Coordinator role for the City is currently assigned to the City Clerk, per the question posed from the previous meeting. S. Petersen also added that ADA assessments have been historically outsourced to and conducted by the Center of Independent Living.

f **RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activites for the commission. Anyone who is interested in applying can do so by contacting the Mayor's

office at 734-794-6161, or applying online at https://a2gov.granicus.com/boards/w/fe6c5e22e6f4a331/vacancies

Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on sub-committees such as Partners in Access and Community Engagement.

g TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission, reporting on topics addressed during the previous meeting that was held. The crosswalk ordinance was discussed during their last meeting, where the recommendation was made to leave it as it is pending state action. The road diet resolution was also discussed, where text was created expressing concern regarding Council now having to approve every road diet.

K. Mozak-Betts posed a question regarding the best way to report issues with the new Spin scooters, which the commission discussed.

h U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - KATHLEEN MOZAK-BETTS

As the last meeting with the U of M Council for Disability Concerns had occured the day before, minutes will be attached and circulated to commissioners. A report from that meeting will be provided next month by K. Mozak-Betts.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were provided.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

The commission discussed APS crosswalks, their experiences with them and requests received to advocate for them.

C. Allen-Pipkin opened a conversation following the clarification of the ADA coordinator earlier, reiterating a need to have them involved in moving certain things forward in the City and to have them as a resource. S. Petersen suggested reaching out to John Fournier, Assistant City Administrator, regarding the ADA coordinator role. E. Nelson will reach out to speak with him regarding that. Z. Damon proposed having Sharie Sell speak to the commission, which was met with approval from the

commission. The commission also plans to invite the City Clerk to speak regarding her current responsbilities as the City's officially titled ADA Coordinator.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:06pm.