



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, September 21, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Elizabeth Nelson, and Alex Gossage

**Absent** 3 - Debra Poster, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, and Kinsey Button

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved as presented**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**[22-1011](#)** CODI May Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by M. Solomon, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 10/31/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**[22-1508](#)** CODI June Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by M. Solomon, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 10/31/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comment was brought before the commission.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS****Jada Hahlbrock, CAPP, DDA Parking Manager; Curb Management Study**

*Chrissy Mancini Nichols and Jim Corbett from Walker Construction discussed the DDA Curb Management Study. Their presentation described two systems: Parking and development, curb inventory and activity. Emphasized goals related to commercial deliveries, pick-up and drop-off curb use within the Downtown area.*

**WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ**

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

**ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - JOYCE BLAIR**

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

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - ALEX GOSSAGE & RACHEL HAWKINS**

*No PIA update to report.*

*Community Engagement: R. Hawkins reports the 70's show from August is available. It's a viral tour hosted site that allow viewers with varying abilities the opportunity to see, explore places prior to visiting. September's Inclusive discussion will focus on mental health challenges and how that interacts with disability, specifically Generalized Anxiety Disorder. The next show is still to be determined.*

**RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*L. Keeler reported reaching out and met with a couple of applicants over the summer. The next step will be to plan interviews in the near future.*

*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>

This site can also be accessed online via the following path:

1. Go to [a2gov.org](https://a2gov.org)
2. Click "Democracy" in the orange banner at the top of the page
3. Click "Board and Commissions" under the Meetings column.
4. Scroll down to and click "Commission on Disability Issues" from the alphabetically sorted list.
5. Click the "Apply" button at the upper-right corner of the page.
6. Complete the application, including all required fields, and then click "Submit" at the button of the page.

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

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - LARRY KEELER**

L. Keeler gave an update on the Transportation Commission. Last month the commission discussed slowing down traffic and banning right-hand turns downtown for pedestrian and bike safety. Also discussed the curb study project and AAATA can start their 5 year plan. Please refer to the attached minutes for additional information. Next meeting will be on Wednesday September 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

[22-1526](#) June 2022 Transportation Meeting Minutes

[22-1423](#) July 2022 Meeting Minutes DRAFT

[22-1558](#) August 2022 Transportation Meeting Minutes

#### **U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - KATHLEEN MOZAK**

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. The council focus over the summer on the accountability disability team and electronic information technology and accessibility. Please refer to the attached meeting minutes for additional details (June, July and August minutes we be resent to the commission). The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at noon via zoom.

[22-1511](#) CFDC June, July, August Meeting Minutes

[22-1555](#) September 2022 Council for Disability Concerns Meeting Minutes

**CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES**

*D. Jeanes gave an update on the latest hires and retirements at City Hall.*

**CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon discussed his recommendation to the commission about forming a recruitment committee to help with the process of reviewing new candidates applying to the commission. This item is on the agenda to discuss later. If any commissioners are not available to attend the monthly meetings, if possible, please let the chair or Denise Jeanes know beforehand.*

**OLD BUSINESS****City ADA Coordinator**

*Z. Damon discussed the meeting commissioners L. Keeler, A. Gossage and CM Nelson had with the City Administrator about a ADA Coordinator position. The City has agreed and is in the process of moving forward with the decision. The City has hired Laura Orta as the first Director of Organizational Equity. The new officer will oversee the ADA process and be in contact with the commission to help move forward. Thanks to CM Nelson and other commissioners.*

**Meeting Attendance**

*Z. Damon reiterated the importance of all commissioners attending CODI monthly meetings. Please review earlier Chair report.*

**NEW BUSINESS****Discussion on Recruitment Committee**

*Z. Damon discussed the commission forming a recruitment committee to review and discuss applications, schedule a time to meet, whether virtually or in-person to move best qualified candidates forward. L. Keeler motioned to form a recruitment committee. The vote was passed unanimously.*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

*CM Nelson gave an update from Council about changing the policy moving forward around masking at City Council meetings. In the near*

*future the new policy will follow CDC guidelines.*

**22-1517** 2022 Commission on Disability Calendar

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via Electronic Meeting**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.*

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