



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, November 17, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present all participants from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, MI.**

**Present** 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

**Absent** 2 - Matthew Solomon, and Elizabeth Nelson

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved as presented**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-1955](#) CODI October Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by T. Hull, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/20/2021. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*No public comments were brought before the commission.*

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

*K. Monkiewicz gave an update on events; Everyday all locations are open from 10:00 until 8:00 p.m. Upcoming events, AADL Equipment Sale, November 20, 2021 from 10:00 until 4:00 p.m. at 265 Parkland Plaza, Ann Arbor district library newest address. Purchases must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2021. Culinary Historian; Prohibition and Repeal on Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. via zoom. Exploring the Mind, AADL TV Monday, November 29, 2021 from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Titles recently added to BARD: When Your Wondering You Are Learning, Mister Rogers lessons for raising creative and curious kids by Greg Bear. How Not To Be Old Even If You Are by Jill Orr and Learning Isn't The Hardest Thing by Lauren Hoff. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>*

**ALEX GOSSAGE; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

*A. Gossage gave an update on events at the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. The building is closed at the present time. Activities are still going on virtually, the number is: (734) 971-0277. CIL is continuing their collaboration with the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra for music. Listening and appreciation classes held on Saturday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. through December 11, 2021. Virtual Movie Club, Friday's at 2:00 p.m., Virtual Art meeting on Tuesday from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m., this month working on hand lettering. Open Studio on Thursday's from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. Crafty Card Making with Cynthia from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m., starting November 15, 2021 until December 13, 2021. Online home fitness classes on Monday and Wednesday's from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. The center will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - RACHEL HAWKINS**

*R. Hawkins announced the next inclusive programming will premiere Friday, November 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. on CTN and on YouTube afterwards a discussion with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). December's show has not been announced.*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE**

*A. Gossage announced the meeting was canceled for November. He*

*discussed Liberty Plaza Sensory Garden that CODI spearheaded. The Partners in Access will keep an eye on the garden regardless of what happens with Liberty Plaza to make sure it will exist there or elsewhere.*

#### **RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*No Recruiting update to report. L. Keeler plan to follow-up with CM E. Nelson 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*
- 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 - TIM HULL**

*T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission. October's meeting had a presentation from TheRide on their long term plans. Virtual meeting and presentation from May Mobility A2GO new shuttle. The public can request a ride around downtown, the stadium and Amtrak station. They talked about their autonomous vehicles. This week there is a presentation from Winchell & Brockman; sidewalk project, propose removing some street parking and adding a sidewalk. Calendar meetings for next year and the annual report for this year. A presentation on the East Medical Science Center Drive; bridge project and pavement condition. And the final version of the 2020 crash report. T. Hull hope to find a replacement for the transportation commission by the end of the year. K. Buttons volunteered to fill-in for December's meeting.*

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

*K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns.*

*The council has a series of conferences to attend: Toward an Anti-Ableist Academy: Advancing Inclusion, Diversity Equity and Accessibility. Stephanie Rosen has been CfDC chair since early 2017, she's leaving her position at the end of the calendar year. The council will explore the possibility of a new chair and co-chair. The Neubacher Awards were handed out for 2021. Vincent Pinti, UM-AA Student was the winner. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 14, 2021.*

#### **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 announced that City Council has approved a Resolution to allow CODI to continue meeting via Zoom for 2022.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Vice-Chair Candidate**

*Z. Damon motioned to close nominations and vote to elect L. Keller as Vice Chair, seconded K. Mozak. Motioned Carried. On a unanimous vote L. Keeler was elected Vice Chair.*

##### **New Transportation Commissioner**

*Z. Damon suggested that CODI revisit this item and possibly vote to replace T. Hull on the Transportation Commission at December's meeting.*

##### **Zoom Accessibility**

*Discussed in the Chair Report.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Bike Traffic**

*Z. Damon suggest that Partners in Access investigate this issue and discuss drafting a Resolution at December's meeting.*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Z. Damon announced Happy Birthday wished to Vice Chair L. Keeler. K. Button inquired about the City of Ann Arbor hiring a dedicated ADA Coordinator that will address disability matters. The commission will discuss at December's meeting.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.*

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