

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
September 17, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, West Resendes, Amy Shepherd

Commissioners Excused: Lloyd Shelton, Alison Stroud

Sign Language Interpreter: Tracey Romanow and Michelle McCoy

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to approve the July 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, that the agenda be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

IV. Presentations

- a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor Public Library announced upcoming events and programs for the month of September 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. Greg McDonald, the Community Television Network Manager, discussed the closed captioning service that is now being utilized for the Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues meetings. The closed captioning service will continue through the entire fiscal year.

V. Public Comments – None

VI. Old Business

- a. City Personnel Report – None
- b. Chair Report
 - i. Vice Chairperson Evans reminded the Commission and viewing audience that the November 19th and December 17th meetings will be held at the CTN offices located at 2805 South Industrial Highway.
 - ii. Vice Chairperson Evans commented on the definition of volunteering and reminded Commissioners to be respectful of this definition.
- c. Recruiting Committee
 - i. Commissioner Shepherd announced that the Commission would be happy to present at support group meetings if requested. Contact information for Amy Seavitt, City Liaison, was given at (734) 794-6122 or to the Mayor's Office at (734) 794-6161. Those interested may also visit the Disability Resources Page or email a2disabilityissues@gmail.com.
 - ii. The Committee will schedule a meeting to review next action steps for the recruitment flyer that was previously created.
 - iii. The Commission discussed the possibility of rescheduling meeting dates and times. It was decided to keep the established meeting dates and times the same.
- d. Community Engagement Committee
 - i. Vice Chairperson Evans announced that she spoke about the Commission to the Kellogg Eye Center Living with Low Vision support group. She encouraged community engagement among other groups as well to speak with.
 - ii. Vice Chairperson Evans said that she is still waiting to hear back from Brian Clouse for the Access Ann Arbor program on CTN.
- e. Partners in Access
 - i. Vice Chairperson Evans spoke about the sidewalk petition to close a gap on Commerce Boulevard between The Ride headquarters

and Stadium. A letter and voicemail have been received informing the Commission that the project has been entered into the City's capital improvement planning process for consideration.

- ii. Vice Chairperson Evans announced that there has been no response yet from the AAATA email regarding sensitivity training that was sent.
- iii. Vice Chairperson Evans announced that all the acquired APS information from committee members and volunteers is now being made into a chart to present to the City.
- iv. Vice Chairperson Evans said no response has been received yet from the Ann Arbor Taxi Cab Commission regarding Uber and Lyft programs. Council Liaison Petersen updated the Commission on an ordinance change that was approved at the last City Council meeting and an operating agreement that will be negotiated.
- v. Vice Chairperson Evans spoke about the Huron Parkway crosswalk and potentially installing a HAWK system. The Committee will request assistance from the Legal Department to write a resolution of recommendation to City Council.
- vi. Vice Chairperson Evans announced that PIA members met with the Ann Arbor Library District Board to receive an update on the redesign for the front of the downtown library.
- vii. Vice Chairperson Evans announced that the Human Rights Commission sent the proposed Nondiscrimination Ordinance that will be presented to City Council.
- viii. Vice Chairperson Evans announced that the City of Ann Arbor website has a new design now that is difficult to read or see. The Committee will research if a screen reader can read the redesigned website and potentially make suggestions to the City.
- ix. Vice Chairperson Evans discussed the crosswalk request at State Street near I-94. The request may take some time to fulfill due to extenuating circumstances.

f. Ad Hoc Updating Resource Page Committee

- i. Vice Chairperson Evans said the site will be done at the end of the month.

g. Voting Committee

- i. Vice Chairperson announced that there will be a vote in October for the Chair position. Commissioner Resendes will continue to be Chair for the Committee. Commissioner Shepherd will also serve on the committee.

h. Bylaw Review Committee

- i. The Commission reviewed the proposed bylaw amendments. Discussion ensued and a list of questions was compiled for an upcoming meeting with Mary Fales from the City Attorney's Office.
- ii. Commissioner Resendes motioned to amend Article VI. Section 1. that the elected officials' two year term be from August 1st to July 1st and from July 31st to June 30th. Commissioner Keeler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
- iii. Commissioner Shepherd motioned to amend Article VI. Section 2. to change the election date from July to June. Commissioner Resendes seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
- iv. Commissioner Keeler motioned to amend Article VIII. Section 1. that the agenda be made available at least five calendar days before the meeting unless a reschedule was made and time was not allowed. Commissioner Shepherd seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

V. New Business – None

VI. Announcements

- a. Commissioner Keeler announced that the state convention for the National Federation of the Blind will be held October 8th.

VII. Adjournment – Vice Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Coordinator