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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

- Present** 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Alex Gossage
- Absent** 2 - Kristen Harrison, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

III APPROVAL OF JUNE/SEPTEMBER MINUTES**a CODI June Meeting Minutes****b [20-1538](#) CODI September Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by T. Hull, seconded by K. Mozak-Betts, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 11/16/2020. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

K. Monkiewicz discussed Mail-Cat has resumed service, and the library is offering new Shelf Services. New outdoor lockers are being installed at West Gate. Summer game orders are now being filled. Installation of bulletin boards in the lobby and circulating art prints again. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

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

A. Gossage discussed the CIL is closed to the public, find resource support by phone at 734-971-0277. Disability Community Action Lab will open on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Returning; Event Thursday, Community Resource Info Group, Trivia

Tuesday's, virtual art studio and virtual movie night. For information on the events that are taking place with CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>

V PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public were brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

No update to report

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave the chair report. He informed the commission about Virtual Disability Pride Parade with Detroit Disability Power on Thursday, October 22, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. He went on to discuss taking pride in having a disability, and conversation about voting and how our voices matter for more inclusiveness in the city.

He asked if any commissioners are willing to respond to HB-4738 and R-20-342- Chapter 40 referred to environmental commission/commission on disability issue (gardening ordinance) and report to the Commission at November's meeting.

Z. Damon shared his plan to develop a strong relationship with the ADA Coordinator and encourage that person to join the meetings to update the commission on current events.

1 CRASH TEST DATA RECOMMENDATIONS

T. Hull has volunteered to review Crash Test Data recommendation and draft the language for a response so the commission can review at November's meeting.

2 R-20-342-CHAPTER 40 REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Commissioner Solomon volunteered to review and provide feedback on: permitting categories concerning things people can grow or landscaping, review site-line challenges, and report to the commission next month.

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

R. Hawkins discussed in November Therapeutic Writing Inc., is back. R. Hawkins is preparing to give a presentation to Council in November on Closed Captions. And the October inclusive show will be a rerun.

1 CLOSED CAPTION FOR ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE

R. Hawkins discussed her plan to speak with Linda Evans regarding Closed Captions recommendations and give a presentation to the commission in the near future.

d PARTNERSHIP IN ACCESS COMMITTEE

L. Keller will be looking to put an agenda together to meet in December with D. Poster and A. Gossage, while extending an invitation to Z. Damon to attend.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Council Member E. Nelson and Z. Damon will send new application packets to L. Keeler for review.

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 bottom 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.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull discussed the transportation commission CIP overall community plan and holding community meetings is on their agenda. He also

announced the end of Healthy Streets.

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

K. Mozak-Betts provided an update on the Council of Disability Concerns. September meeting announced Anna Schnitzer, liaison is retiring from U of M at the end of October. James T. Newbacher Award presentation at The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies is on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

Z. Damon discuss the importance of being able to host the ADA Coordinator at monthly CODI meetings, so the commission will be aware of what's being reported to the City. He plans to reach-out to Assistant City Administrator, John Fournier before November's meeting.

a COMMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR CODI VICE CHAIR

Z. Damon announced the candidates for Vice-Chair, L. Keeler and A. Gossage and asked them to come prepared in November to discuss with the commission, what they bring to the position. The commissioners will plan to vote on a candidate at November's meeting.

b MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM IN NOVEMBER

No changes for in-person meeting have been announced. Plan to proceed with Zoom for November's meeting.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

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