

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

4:00 PM

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### Commission on Disability Issues

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**I ROLL CALL**

*Z. Damon call the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.*

**Approved as presented**

**Present** 6 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Matthew Solomon, Elizabeth Nelson, and Alex Gossage

**Absent** 5 - Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Rachel Hawkins, Kristen Harrison, Debra Poster, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

**II APPROVAL OF AGENDA****III APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES****a [20-1706](#) October Meeting Minutes**

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council  
due back on 12/28/2020**

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

*K. Monkiewicz discuss all AADL are closed for at least two weeks. Book zoom room at aadl.org. The YouTube channel is still available. Not To Close concert series are available at aadl.tv. Brail and Audio Reading Download System (BARDS) is open. 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**

*CIL remain closed. Virtual programming is available. R.S.V.P. for Disability Community Action Lab to develop your advocacy skills in January. CIL is continuing with Trivia Tuesdays in January. Safe Connection Supporting Healthy and Positive Relationships are Monday from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., starting in January. Medicare Open Enrollment period now until December 7, 2020. For information on the events that are taking place with the 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**

*The City welcomes Alan Matlow to the City Assessor's office, Real Property Appraiser. Kelsey Smith, 15th District Court Clerk. Markus Davis, promoted to Help Desk manager. Senior Assistant City Attorney Kristen Larcom will retire in January. John Reiser will resume her responsibilities.*

**b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon gave the chair report. He discussed his meeting with Assistant City Administrator, John Fournier about the ADA coordinator becoming a part of CODI monthly meetings. A second meeting is scheduled to work out some details for December's meeting. He emphasize the importance of the commission being aware and having access to all complaints sent to the coordinator come directly to the commission for review.*

**1 HB-4738 CROSSWALK LAW**

*The commission will discuss at December's meeting.*

**2 CRASH TEST DATA RECOMMENDATIONS- TIM HULL**

*The commission will discuss at December's meeting.*

**3 R-20-342 CHAPTER 40 (GARDENING ORDINANCE) REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES - MATTHEW SOLOMON**

*The commission will discuss at December's meeting.*

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

*Z. Damon gave the Community Engagement report. Leader Dog for the Blind, zoom discuss - We Can't, We Can. Non Profit (501C3) organization create books about super hero's for children with special*

*needs premier November 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.*

**d      CLOSED CAPTION FOR ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE**

*No update to report.*

**e      PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER**

*L. Keeler announced he will create the agenda and send invitations for the Partner in Access subcommittee December 9th meeting.*

**f      RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*L. Keeler ask Councilmember E. Nelson to resend the current application files.*

*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.*

**g      TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL**

*T. Hull discussed Transportation Commission is looking at their long term master transportation plan. Updates on projects at their meeting later that night. Review inquiries concerning a curve ramp down to Stadium, but no crosswalk. L. Keeler asked that the inquiry be sent to him to investigate with Partners in Access and the entire commission for review.*

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

*No update to report*

**VII ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*No announcements to report*

**VIII NEW BUSINESS**

**a COMMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR CODI VICE CHAIR**

*The commission will discuss at December's meeting.*

**b MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM IN DECEMBER**

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

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Keeler.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.*

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