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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

4:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council Chambers

Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon , Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

Absent 5 - Sally Petersen, Alison Stroud, Nikolas Koscielniak, Rachel Hawkins, and Kristen Harrison

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Z. Damon moved to approve the agenda.
All approved on a voice vote

III APPROVAL OF MARCH 20 MEETING MINUTES

L. Keeler moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by D. Poster.
All approved on a voice vote.

IV PRESENTATIONS

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

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

b SOPHIE SKOCHELAK; NFT, IL SPECIALIST, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

V PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO EIGHT MINUTES

Councilmember Hayner introduced himself to the commission and offers his assistance to the commission should they every need it. He also updated the commission on some developments he has been working with.

Former commissioner Llyod Shelton also greeted the commission and

wanted to pass along the good work that the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti has done.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS

No report

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave a report on email correspondence he has had with Erica Briggs, a board member of the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition. She wishes to have the opportunity to present to the commission regarding the proposed changes to the crosswalk ordinance. As E. Nelson explained that there is lobbying being done at the state level instead at this time, Z. Damon will meet with vice chair S. Petersen to see if it would still be beneficial to the commission to hear Ms. Brigg's presentation despite language or phrasing in the ammendments not being discussed.

c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - RACHEL HAWKINS

R. Hawkins was not present, no report.

d ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - TOM HOATLIN/LINDA EVANS

Z. Damon announced the next episode that will be premiering on April 19 at 4pm. The episode features guest Dr. Sherry Day where a support group is discussed for helping those with visionary difficulties. Another episode will be taped on April 23 with John Waterman of the PEACEAC, which empowers those with disabilities through cycling, active transporation and self-advocacy education.

e PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALISON STROUD

A. Stroud was not present, though updates were provided by other commissioners. L. Keeler provided an update regarding a letter received regarding AAATA, which was passed along to the organization and also discussions regarding accessability to events in the City. A suggested city ordinance was discussed that would require public event holders to state affirmatively in communications that some or all of the events may be inaccessable to those with disabilities. Z. Damon will draft an email and follow up with CM Nelson regarding moving forward with this.

K. Mozak-Betts posed a question if there was an ADA ombudsman with the City, which started a discussion on who that person is, what their responsibilities are and why we have not seen or heard from this individual before. Z. Damon and E. Nelson will investigate and see if there is an ADA coordinator or similar that could possibly meet with the commission on a regular basis, with a follow-up email to come from Z. Damon.

f RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activites for the commission. Anyone who is interested in applying can do so by contacting the Mayor's office at 734-794-6161, or apply online at https://a2gov.granicus.com/boards/w/fe6c5e22e6f4a331/vacancies

g TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission. The last meeting discussed the six E's, new scooters, road diets and other transportation projects were discussed at this meeting.

L. Keeler had no update for the mico-mobility commission as there has not been a meeting this month.

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

K. Mozak-Betts gave a report on the topics discussed by the Council of Disability Concerns. Two main items that were discussed. The first was regarding Investing in Mobility month (October) and the issues surrounding this. The second was a presentation by Julia Roberts of the AAATA regarding autonomous systems being tested on buses throughout the summer, with K. Mozak-Betts discussing her experience with these systems. She suggests having Julia potential come and present to the commission at a future meeting.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

T. Hull was recently appointed to the Regional Transit Authority Citizen's Advisory Committee and he discussed what they do with the commission. He will provide future updates from this committee to the commission as they come up.

C. Allen gave an update on the School of Public Health, with a committee discussing disparities in health with minorities and those with disabilities. She will send out meeting minutes regarding this meeting to the other commissioners.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:13pm.