

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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, Sally Petersen, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Elizabeth Nelson, and Alex Gossage

Absent 5 - Nikolas Koscielniak, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Kristen Harrison, Debra Poster, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Z. Damon moved to amend agenda, tabling the City ADA Coordinator discussion for now, seconded by S. Petersen. All approved on a voice vote. L. Keeler moved to approve the agenda as amended. All approved on voice vote

III APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18 MEETING MINUTES

A. Gossage moved to approve the December 18 meeting minutes with a name correction, seconded by S. Petersen. 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 ALEX GOSSAGE; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 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

No comments were brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a HB-4738 CROSSWALK LAW

Z. Damon asked commissioners for any feedback regarding the law. T. Hull discussed the issues that he has identified with the law and the standards it would set. The Transportation Commission will be looking to make recommendations during the meeting later that evening. E. Nelson also discussed a consultant that is coming to the City who could potentially review the state of the City's crosswalks and provide advice.

Z. Damon will be forwarding the crash data by next meeting so the commission can assess and break it down for direction moving forward. T. Hull suggests identifying flaws in the local and state laws and putting together an informed statement. As such, Z. Damon asks commissioners to review the local ordinance as well.

c CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS

No update to report.

d CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave the chair report. He discussed commissioner attendance, the bylaw and gave his opinion of the commission moving in a direction where they can hold a discussion with commissioners not adhering to the attendance requirements in the bylaws. It could then be determined if they would be able to be more present or if the commission should move in the direction of a replacement or resignation. M. Solomon suggests proceeding forward with an initial inquiry to obtain more information, with Z. Damon to reach out to those commissioners to discuss with them in this fashion.

He also discussed a survey from former commission member Amy Shephard regarding mid-section crosswalks, which will be forwarded to commissioners to complete and provide feedback.

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

R. Hawkins announced the newest episode of Ann Arbor Inclusive regarding the Autism Alliance of Michigan on January 17.

f PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler announced the completion of the calendar for the committee and that he will have an initial agenda created for their first meeting in

February.

g RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activities for the commission. No new applications had been received, but he will be checking again for next meeting. E. Nelson also reported that, while no definitive answer was obtained on why some applications had not been forwarded previously, the new process with working with L. Keeler will greatly increase efficiency with recruiting.

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 "Boards 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.

1 IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY AND THE COMMISSION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE NEW COMMISSIONERS

E. Nelson will be bringing forward a policy to City Council that would apply to all boards and commissions with a Council liaison. The policy would implement a system where a designated commissioner and the Council liaison could coordinate together to review and make recommendations on applications.

i TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission. Discussed was the HB-4738 crosswalk law, a presentation on the climate emergency, their annual report, the White Cane law and elections for chair/vice-chair.

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

K. Mozak-Betts was not present, however the most recent U of M Council for Disability Concerns were forwarded to commissioners.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. Nelson attended a luncheon regarding the topic of dementia friendly communities and learned of communities that educate their staff on sensitivity to people living with dementia, getting her thinking about what the City of Ann Arbor might do as well.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up by the commission.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 4:51pm