



City of Ann Arbor
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, June 17, 2020

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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I ROLL CALL

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Present 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Elizabeth Nelson, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, and Alex Gossage

Absent 2 - Kristen Harrison, and Debra Poster

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*L. Keeler moved to approve the agenda, seconded by K. Mozak-Betts.
All approved on voice vote.*

III APPROVAL OF MAY 20 MEETING MINUTES

*Z. Damon moved to approve the May 20 meeting minutes,
seconded by L. Keeler. 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

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 has been working on obtaining updated crash data post 2013 and, while he has been unable to find Ann Arbor specific data, will be reaching out to the City directly in the hopes of obtaining City specific data.

He also announced his intention to have an interim vice-chair appointed until the regular chair elections in November. L. Keeler will volunteer to be interim vice-chair if there is no interest from other commissioners. Z. Damon requested interested commissioners to reach out to him following the meeting so a decision may be made. Finally, he also announced his intention to seek a second term as chair during the November election.

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

R. Hawkins announced upcoming episodes for Ann Arbor Inclusive, one on June 19th with the Artisan Corner and one on July 17th with Dr. Oglamy.

1 CLOSED CAPTIONING FOR ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE

R. Hawkins has been in communication with Linda Evans and Melissa Bondy, with discussions ongoing regarding the costs of closed captioning for Ann Arbor Inclusive. Recent meetings with them have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Z. Damon will be reaching out to Lisa Wondrash regarding if the City will be continuing to pay for closed captioning for Ann Arbor inclusive or if that will no longer be needed with programs like Zoom and Youtube has

closed captioning ability already.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler will be looking to put together an agenda over the next two months with D. Poster and A. Gossage, with the intention of having one set for September.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Two commissioner spots have opened up on the commission. L. Keeler and E. Nelson will be meeting to review five previous applications and reach out to them to see if they might still be interested in joining the commission.

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 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.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission, which included the Healthy Streets Initiative and the closing of streets on weekends for dining. L. Keeler inquired about the A-Ride contract not being renewed with TheRide, which T. Hull reported hadn't been discussed at the Transportation Commission yet, and also about the Micro-Mobility initiatives, which is reportedly still with Legal. K. Mozak-Betts reports that services for the A-Ride will be handled in-house starting in August.

Also discussed was the pandemic related service reduction and gradual reactivation of service with the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority. Park and Ride routes are being phased back in, with routes currently only running at peak hours. K. Mozak-Betts urges members of the public to reach out to TheRide with any concerns or feedback they have at TellUs@theride.org

Finally, there has been discussion with DDA parking management regarding the future of ADA parking spots. If any concrete decisions were to be made in the future, the Commission on Disability Issues will be contacted for coordination. T. Hull will provide any further updates if he hears them.

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. Due to difficulties with the pandemic, meetings have transitioned to Zoom with CART providing closed captioning. The next meeting will be held on July 14th at noon.

She also reported on a COVID-19 resource guide for persons with disabilities they have been putting together. This is a constantly updated document that can be accessed by any member of the public at <https://cfdc.umich.edu/projects>, then clicking COVID-19 Responses by and for the Disability Community. New accessibility resources are also available online, which can be found at <https://accessibility.umich.edu/>

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made

VIII NEW BUSINESS

a NEED FOR INTERIM VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMMISSION

Discussed earlier in the chair report

b MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM IN SEPTEMBER

It is currently unclear if Zoom will be an option for meeting in September, due to current standing executive orders, however the commission will explore their options as the next meeting gets closer.

IX ADJOURNMENT

*Z. Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Keeler.
Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.*