



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, December 15, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present all participants from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, MI.**

- Present** 7 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin
- Absent** 4 - Timothy Hull, Matthew Solomon, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved as presented**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**[21-2214](#)** CODI November Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Z. Damon, seconded by K. Mozak, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/31/2022. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*No public comments were brought before the commission.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION****State Street Project; Amber Miller; Downtown Development Authority, Bob Doyle; Smith Group, Oliver Kiley; Smith Group**

*The State Street Project: Oliver Kiley from Smith Group presented a slide show on contrast and textual materials for visual impairment and curbside streets. The team listen to feedback from the commissioners and assured them that they will keep in-touch moving forward.*

**21-2264** 2021-1213 PFS Accessibility Discussion

**WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ**

*K. Monkiewicz gave an update on events at the library. The library is seeking visual artist for exhibition on the gallery screen in the lobby at the downtown library. Establish artist and emerging artist are both invited to apply. Open call started December 1st and will run until January 31, 2022. Selection will take place in February. Book Discussion coming up; My Sister the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite on Thursday, December 16th from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on zoom. Author Spotlight on Stephen Graham Jones, New York Times bestselling author, My Heart Is A Chainsaw, Monday December 27th from 4:00 until 4:30 p.m. The 2022 Washtenaw Read has been announced Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist by Judith Heumann*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - ALEX GOSSAGE**

*No report.*

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

*R.Hawkins reported the current episodes running are reruns. New show will premier Friday, January 21, 2022.*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE**

*No report.*

**RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*No recruiting update to report. L. Keeler plans to meet with MC E. Nelson before the next meeting to review vacancies.*

*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 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.*

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL**

*Chair, Z. Damon read the report on the last Transportation Commission meeting from T. Hull - we had some discussion of the Winchell/Brockman sidewalk project as well as pavement condition, though the bulk of the discussion was regarding the proposed widening of the East Medical Center Drive bridge at the U-M hospital. Many commissioners pushed back at that due to not wanting to add additional car lanes (particularly general-purpose car lanes as opposed to bus or HOV lanes), and the commission will be discussing this at tonight's meeting as well. Aside from that it was mostly routine status updates.*

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

*K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. A quote was shared "What is considered normal is arbitrary and requires deconstruction." - AJ Winters. Community group updates are due at the end of the year. Thank you to Dr. Stephanie Rosen, December 14, 2021 was her last day as chairperson on the Council for Disability Concerns.*

#### **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES**

*No report.*

**CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon reached out to the commissioners to please feel free to contact him when they have any concerns they need to address.*

**OLD BUSINESS****ADA Coordinator**

*Z. Damon will ensure the commission receive consistent reporting from the ADA coordinator on a regular or quarterly basis. A meeting will be scheduled in the early part of 2022 with Assistant City Administrator, John Fournier to discuss clear communication with the commission.*

**PIA Bike Traffic Report**

*Z. Damon discussed that A. Gossage is working on this issue and he's planning to talk to others familiar with our concerns and report back to the commission in the new year.*

**New Transportation Commissioner**

*Z. Damon discussed the transportation commission liaison vacancy. T. Hull has been in contact with K. Button to start a smooth transition beginning in January. Z. Damon will follow up with both commissioners and find out the last day T. Hull will attend transportation meetings.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*L. Keeler ask the commission to explore how citizens can request an APS signal for their neighborhoods. Possibly PIA can address the best method to get things done. The commission will review at January's meeting.*

**Meeting Schedules for 2022**

*Z. Damon discussed the Meeting Calendars for 2022. L. Keeler moved to approve as is, seconded by Z. Damon. Motion carried.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*K. Mozak ask the commission to inquire about the status of SnowBuddy removing snow in the community this winter. CM E. Nelson will email Interim City Administrator, Milton Dohoney and check back with A.*

*Gossage to update the commission at next month's meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.*

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