

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
April 20, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Briggs, Marjorie Olivier Cash, Pam Baker Trostle, and Ramona Williams

Commissioners Excused: Ian Scott, Deborah Murray, and Joan Kauffman

Sign Language Interpreter: Tracey Romanow

CTN Camera Operator: Josh Smith

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Olivier Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioners Baker Trostle, that the agenda be approved as amended in moving the order of presenters as Ira Lax, Brian Clouse and Les Sipowski.

III. Presentations

- a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor District Library announced upcoming events and books available at the library, and the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. Contact aadl.org or call 327-4200 for a list of current programs.
- b. Brian Clouse from AATA, Para-transit Coordinator provided an update to A-Ride and Good as Gold policy changes.
 - Five minutes to board the vehicle
 - One week to schedule trips – no denial of trips
 - Re-occurring trips – accepted reasons less limited
- c. Les Sipowski from Project Management shared information on HAWK signal installed on Huron Street near the YMCA.

- Finding pedestrians crossing before signal activates – fear this will train drivers to ignore signal
- City webpage has information on HAWK Signal
- MDOT to share study data

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

Commissioner Olivier Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker Trostle to approve the March 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes as amended correcting Commissioner Olivier Cash's name in Section VII.a. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

a. City Personnel Report

1. City Hall entrance has moved to the south side (Huron Street).

b. Chair Report

1. Remove/disband Budget Committee. Commissioner Baker Trostle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Olivier Cash, to disband the Budget Committee. Motion carries.
2. Rename Nominating Committee to Recruiting Committee. Commissioner Olivier Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker Trostle to rename the Nominating Committee to Recruiting Committee. Motion carries. Chair discussion will take place at the next committee meeting at Barry's Bagels next Tuesday.
3. Commission meetings will move back to City Hall, Council Chambers in May.
4. EOC follow-up next month.
5. Retreat – very productive, good food! Thank you to Linda's mother for catering. A potential commissioner candidate attended.

c. Recruiting Committee

1. No meeting, no new applications received.

d. Hollywood Committee

1. Commissioners Scott, Murray and Briggs met with the Mayor to request direction for the Commission. He was very positive about the commission and likes what we do. He said it was okay to have presenters from both profit/non profit organizations. We do not endorse for-profit organizations but they can present. Suggested we invite the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to talk about how they can help the disabled visit the city, and

invite someone from the medical marijuana field to talk about the new laws.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Letter to Public Services regarding APS recommendations. Commissioner Baker Trostle motioned, seconded by Commissioner Olivier Cash, to approve and send the letter as presented. Motion carries.

f. Ad Hoc Skate Park Committee

1. Met to plan a field trip in May to a skate park in Farmington. This committee will make suggestions on how to make the park more accessible for people with disabilities. The viewing audience is encouraged to call or come to a commission meeting with their questions or suggestions regarding the skate park.

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Announcements - None

IX. Adjournment - Chairperson Briggs adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Janet Carpenter, HR Administrative Coordinator