

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues  
November 16, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, and Marjorie Cash  
Commissioners Excused: Ramona Williams and Ian Scott  
Commissioners Unexcused: Joan Kauffman  
Sign Language Interpreter: Tracey Romanow  
CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler, that the agenda be approved as amended by adding Michael Nearing to Section III c. Presentations, including City Personnel Report in Section VI a., and removing number one in Section VI. b. Chair Report. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

- a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor Public Library announced upcoming events and programs at the library, as well as the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. Contact [aadl.org](http://aadl.org) or call 327-4000 for a list of current programs. 327-4224 to reach Library for the Blind.
- b. Michael Benham, Special Assistant for Strategic Planning, AATA gave a transit master plan update to the commission, discussing their endeavors to bring the agency county-wide. The organization hopes to implement door-to-door and flex services to provide connections to a fixed route system. More information available at [www.MovingYouForward.org](http://www.MovingYouForward.org).
- c. Michael Nearing, Senior Project Manager, Project Management Services for the City of Ann Arbor, discussed the removal and replacement of Stadium Bridge and where it stood in terms of ADA compliance.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Paul Cartman, Ann Arbor resident, expressed concerns with the Stadium Bridge project and its accessibility for mobility impaired persons.
- b. Daniel Young, University of Michigan student and Ann Arbor resident, spoke to the Commission about concerns regarding accessible parking on Fifth Ave. between Huron and Washington St.

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Cash motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler, that the Meeting Minutes be approved as amended by correcting number one in Section VI b. Chair Report to Accessible Rail Cars. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

- a. City Personnel Report – none
- b. Chair Report
  - 1. Updated about the new commission member.
- c. Recruiting Committee – none
- d. Hollywood Committee
  - 1. Announced tentative location for the sensory garden. A meeting will be held at Barry's Bagel to further discuss the topic. All are welcomed to attend.
- e. Partners in Access Committee – none

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Assistant