

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
July 23, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Alison Stroud, Larry Keeler, Lloyd Shelton,
Sally Petersen

Commissioners Excused: West Resendes, Amy Shepherd

Sign Language Interpreter: Tracey Romanow and Elizabeth Clarno

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Commissioner Shelton motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler, that the agenda be approved as amended by removing III. Presentations, Section c. The City of Ann Arbor Communications Department – Closed Captioning for Viewers and changing V. Approval of the Meeting Minutes to June 18. All in favor. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

- a. Ira Lax from the Ann Arbor Public Library announced upcoming events and programs for the month of August at the library, as well as the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled. Contact aadl.org or call 327-4000 for a list of current programs. 327-4224 to reach Library for the Blind.
- b. Jeanine Delay from www.a2ethics.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting ethics through education, social networking and collaborative events, spoke to the Commission about the Big Ethical Question Slam taking place on February 6, 2015. For more information, visit the website or email info@a2ethics.org.

IV. Public Comments – None

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the June 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes as amended by changing the language in VI. Old Business, Section F. Ad Hoc Committee, Part 1. from the resource list has been checked to is being checked. All in favor. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

- a. City Personnel Report – None
- b. Chair Report
 1. Chairperson Evans reminded the Commissioners to read materials before commission and committee meetings take place.
 2. Chairperson Evans proposed a hiatus for the August commission meeting. All in favor.
 3. The Commission reviewed the bylaws and discussed suggestions for updates and changes. Commissioner Petersen also announced that the council liaison position would now be a voting position per city council vote.
 4. Commissioner Petersen announced her intention to make a motion to postpone the vote of the Commission Chair.
- c. Recruiting Committee
 1. Commissioner Keeler provided contact information for those interested in being on the Commission. They may contact the City Liaison, Amy Seavitt, at (734) 794-6122 or reach out to the Mayor's Office at (734) 794-6161 for an application. Applications are also available online through the Disability Resources Page. Those interested may also email a2disabilityissues@gmail.com .
- d. Community Engagement Committee
 1. Chairperson Evans announced that the Sensory Garden needs weeding and requested volunteers to help.
 2. Chairperson Evans announced that the committee will tape a program for CTN Access Ann Arbor involving an interview with AAATA discussing guidelines and useful information that ARide users and seniors can use.
- e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Vice Chair Stroud motioned to propose a definition for the term disability for the Ann Arbor Nondiscrimination Ordinance that is being updated. Commissioner Keeler seconded. Discussion ensued. All in favor.
2. The Commission also discussed the substance use section for the Ann Arbor Nondiscrimination Ordinance that is being updated. Commissioner Keeler motioned to help the Human Rights Commission reword the substance use section and keep it in the ordinance. All in favor.
3. Vice Chair Stroud discussed the APS and rapid flashing beacons and how the committee and volunteers have inspected and documented the details of the conditions and effectiveness of the devices.
4. Vice Chair Stroud announced that the best practices email was sent to the AAATA board members.
5. Vice Chair Stroud announced that the committee is still waiting to hear back from the Ann Arbor Taxi Cab Board regarding Uber and Lyft services about updates to the ordinance that they hope to enable for driver regulations.
6. Vice Chair Stroud announced that an email was sent to the Director of the Ann Arbor District Library Board requesting a face to face meeting with board members to discuss the progress made to improve the accessibility and safety of the front entrance.
7. Vice Chair Stroud announced a follow up call would be made to the property manager of the Ann Arbor Hills Shopping Center to ensure they received the letter that was sent providing suggestions for more accessible parking spaces throughout the lot.
8. Vice Chair Stroud discussed potentially drafting a resolution recommending prioritization for the new sidewalk request at Federal and Stadium.
9. Vice Chair Stroud discussed the request for the HAWK system at the pedestrian crosswalk on Huron Park Road. Another email was sent but there has been no response thus far. Discussion ensued about HAWK systems and rectangular rapid flashing beacons.

10. Vice Chair Stroud mentioned the construction on Geddes Road and improving the accessibility of pedestrians. Commissioner Shelton recapped the meeting.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Chairperson Evans announced that the finalization of the checklist for the Disability Resource website is still ongoing.

g. Voting Committee

1. Commissioner Petersen motioned to postpone the Chair election to October. Commissioner Keeler seconded. All in favor.

2. The Commission proceeded with the vote for Vice Chair. Linda Evans was announced as the new Vice Chair beginning in August.

VII. New Business

a. Commissioner Petersen attended the Bryant Neighborhood Center board meeting and discussed an issue a woman experienced with the Malletts Creek library entrance and its handicapped accessible button. Commissioner Petersen recommended that the Partners in Access Committee write a letter of recommendation to the Ann Arbor District Library concerning Malletts Creek door not staying open long enough.

VIII. Announcements

a. Commissioner Keeler announced that the National Federation for the Blind has no official business until September.

b. Chairperson Evans announced that the next commission meeting will be September 17.

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Coordinator