

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

3:15 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council  
Chambers

**Disability Issues, Commission on**

**I**      **ROLL CALL**

*S. Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:16 pm.*

**Present**    9 -    Larry Keeler, Larry Leon Davis, Anna Ercoli-Schnitzer, Sally Hart Petersen, VACANT POSITION 1, Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, Albert Blixt, and Rebecca Benedict

**Absent**    1 -    Alison Stroud

**II**      **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Immediately following the approval of the September 21 Meeting Minutes the discussion will take place about the Closed Captioning Ordinance. L. Davis also announced that Scott McFadden will be unable to attend the meeting today (listed under Public Commentary), but will join the commission next month. This has been removed from the agenda.*

*S. Petersen made a motion to approve, seconded by R. Benedict. All approved the agenda as amended on a voice vote.*

**III**      **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING MINUTES**

*A. Schnitzer brought a few spelling errors to Heather's attention, which will be corrected. S. Petersen also provided a correction to the chair report. Currently the incorrect part reads, "S. Petersen put together a summary of the Commission on Disability Issues for City Council." It should read, "S. Petersen put together a summary of the Commission on Disability Issues for the Sensory Garden event, but will put together a summary for City Council if there is interest."*

*L. Keeler moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by K. Westphal. All approved as amended on a voice vote.*

**A**      **CLOSED CAPTIONING ORDINANCE**

*S. Petersen introduced the ordinance to the commission. K. Westphal will bring the ordinance forward to City Council once the commission has approved the language within the ordinance. Chris Frost from the City Attorney's office was present to answer questions about the language. A. Schnitzer moved to accept the ordinance pending language clarification, seconded by K. Westphal.*

*A. Schnitzer asked about the term "responsible person" as written in the ordinance. Chris Frost, City Attorney's Office, provided clarification to this definition. R. Benedict and Z. Damon asked for clarification on how an infraction might be issued if business owners do not comply with the ordinance.*

*Chris Frost recommended discussing the "effective date" to the Ordinance. A. Blixt recommended that the enforcement of the Ordinance be effective 90 days after City Council approves the Ordinance.*

*S. Petersen moved to amend the Ordinance, seconded by K. Westphal.*

*A. Schnitzer moved to approve the Ordinance as amended, seconded by K. Westphal.*

**16-1519** DRAFT - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER WHICH NEW CHAPTER SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 120 (CLOSED CAPTIONING) OF TITLE IX

#### **IV**      **PRESENTATIONS**

**a**      **Ira Lax, Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled**

*Ira was unable to attend the meeting, so Katie from the Library provided an update on the events and new features being offered at the Library.*

#### **V**      **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**a**      **Scott McFadden, Program Director Arrowwood Hills Cooperative**

*Scott was unable to attend this meeting. He has been invited to come to the meeting next month.*

*A. Schnitzer wanted to mention that the Disability Justice Panel at the University of Michigan will take place tomorrow at the Gallery in Room 100. She shared a few other recent events that took place at U of M during October.*

#### **VI**      **OLD BUSINESS**

**a City Personnel Report - Heather Koch**

**b Chair Report - Sally Petersen, Chair**

*S. Petersen wanted to thank Alison Stroud and the commission for their attention to the Closed Captioning Ordinance.*

*S. Petersen recently spoke with a resident of Ann Arbor who is in need of help clearing excess snow in the winter when the snow plows go by her house. S. Petersen would like to recommend that the Partners in Access committee to focus on a solution.*

**c Community Engagement Committee - Sally Petersen**

*Z. Damon provided an update about the Ann Arbor Inclusive show. The Ann Arbor Inclusive Show now has closed captioning on their channel.*

*September 22 was the last Community Engagement meeting, but no one came to the meeting. S. Petersen is respectfully requesting that the commission let her know when commissioners are coming or not coming to the meetings so she can plan accordingly.*

**d Partners in Access Committee - Alison Stroud**

**e Recruiting Activity - Larry Keeler**

*There are currently five vacancies on the commission. If anyone is interested in applying for the commission, please contact the Mayor's office.*

**VII ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*A. Schnitzer announced that the Michigan Flyer-AirRide program has made their services more accessible to people with disabilities. This is a large step forward for the Michigan Flyer-AirRide program, as A. Stroud sent a letter on behalf of the commission last month regarding this matter.*

**VIII NEW BUSINESS**

**a U of M Council for Disability Concerns October Meeting Updates and Minutes**

16-1520 U of M Council on Disability Concerns Meeting Minutes October, 2016

**IX** **ADJOURNMENT**

*S. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm.*

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