

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

3:15 PM

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

Disability Issues, Commission on

I **ROLL CALL**

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm in Council Chambers.

Present 7 - Larry Keeler, Anna Ercoli-Schnitzer, Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, Rebecca Benedict, Timothy Hull, and Kathleen Mozak-Betts

Absent 4 - Alison Stroud, Larry Leon Davis, Sally Hart Petersen, and Albert Blixt

II **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

All approved the agenda on a voice vote.

III **APPROVAL OF MARCH 22 MEETING MINUTES**

L. Keeler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by K. Mozak-Betts. All approved on a voice vote.

IV **PRESENTATIONS**

a **IRA LAX, WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

Please visit the Library's website for additional information and upcoming events.

b **CAROLYN GRAWI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Please see www.annarborCIL.org for a list of upcoming events happening at the Center for Independent Living. All questions should be directed to info@aacil.org.

c **ELI COOPER, CITY OF ANN ARBOR; DISCUSSION OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS NON-MOTORIZED TUNNEL IN THE ALLEN CREEK RAILROAD BERM OPENING PROJECT AND LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Eli Cooper gave a presentation on the Allen Creek project. Eli mentioned that they are looking for the commission's support. The commission will vote on sending the letter of support under a different agenda item at this meeting.

d MATT KULHANEK, CITY OF ANN ARBOR; DISCUSSION OF ADA ASSESSMENT OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND WASHTENAW COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Matt gave an overview of the project that the City will be starting soon regarding ADA assessments. The City has just re-done its Title XI plan, and as part of this plan they will be looking at the City facilities, starting with City Hall and the Justice Center.

V PUBLIC COMMENT - LIMITED TO EIGHT MINUTES

Three students from Skyline High School were in attendance.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - HEATHER KOCH

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON, VICE-CHAIR

Z. Damon would like for the commission to vote on whether or not to sign the letter of support for the Universal Access Nonmotorized Tunnel in the Allen Creek Railroad Berm which was presented by Eli Cooper earlier in the meeting. R. Benedict made a motion to approve sending the letter of support, seconded by K. Westphal. K. Westphal suggested a small change of wording to one of the sections. All approved as amended on a voice vote.

A. Schnitzer would like the last sentence of the annual report section regarding the Michigan Flyer to be taken out.

17-0606 DRAFT - 2016 Year in Review, Commission on Disability Issues

c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AL BLIXT

The Sensory Garden needs volunteers to help out. May 13 is a cleaning day, starting at 11:00 am. The Blooms Day event is on May 20 starting at 9:00 am. Please contact Sally Petersen if you are interested in helping with either of these events.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALISON STROUD

Z. Damon and R. Benedict gave an overview of the work the City and University of Michigan is doing on making the area in front of the Football Stadium more accessible.

Issues regarding accessible and handicapped parking were discussed in the last PIA meeting, and they will continue to work on solutions to these issues.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

If anyone is interested in joining the commission, please visit the City website or contact the Mayor's office.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII NEW BUSINESS

a U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS APRIL MEETING UPDATE AND MINUTES

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 pm.

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