

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

4:00 PM

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### Commission on Disability Issues

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present all participating from Ann Arbor, Michigan.**

**Present** 10 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

**Absent** 1 - Rachel Hawkins

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved as presented**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[21-1159](#) Commission on Disability Issues May 2021 Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Z. Damon, seconded by D. Poster, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 7/19/2021. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**21-1230** Public Comment Letter

**KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

*K. Monkiewicz gave an update; all COVID-19 services currently remain in place. Reopening date is July 12, 2021 for all 5 locations from noon until 8:00 p.m., 7 days per week. The library will return to regular hours in September. All locations will be closed Friday, July 9th, Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th leading up to the reopening. Outdoor events will return in partnership with Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Indoor events will resume in September. The Summer Games have started. Celebrate*

*Pride Month with 30 days of Pride, check calendar for events. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>*

**ALEX GOSSAGE; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

*A. Gossage gave an update on the partnership with Area on Aging and the Community Foundation. Expanding their technology access program. To provide services for Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Included in this partnership will be free tablets and hot spots for the community. For information on the events that are talking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>*

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - RACHEL HAWKINS**

*No Community Engagement update to report.*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE**

*A. Gossage talked about their project plans for June. PIA will work over the summer, A. Gossage and L. Keeler will review all City commissions to get a better sense of which commissions best fits with the goals of CODI. They plan to be more active in sharing information to encourage more engagement with other commissions.*

**RECRUITING ACTIVITY-LARRY KEELER**

*No Recruiting update to report.*

*Anyone who is interested in applying can do so by contacting the Mayor's office at 734-794-6161, or applying online at <https://a2gov.granicus.com/boards/w/fe6c5e22e6f4a331/vacancies> This site can also be accessed online via the following path:*

- 1. Go to [a2gov.org](https://a2gov.org)*
- 2. Click "Democracy" in the orange banner at the top of the page*
- 3. Click "Board and Commissions" under the Meetings column.*
- 4. Scroll down to and click "Commission on Disability Issues" from the alphabetically sorted list.*
- 5. Click the "Apply" button at the upper-right corner of the page.*
- 6. Complete the application, including all required fields, and then click "Submit" at the button of the page.*

*Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on subcommittees such as Partners in Access and Community*

*Engagement.*

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL**

*T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission. Last week discussion on Healthy Streets. Voted to support Proposed State Legislature Bill to allow undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses. This week the commission will look at the Capital Improvement Project Program. A presentation from the DDA. The Research Park drive intersection light is installed and will be activated soon. The AAATA is doing a big service update with presentations and public meetings. An issue that need addressing is Time Transfers they have been changed, routers are running different maps and schedules.*

#### **U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - KATHLEEN MOZAK**

*K. Mozak provided an update on the Council of Disability Concerns. There is a call for participation for fall programming. Disability awareness month is in October. A collaboration with AACIL and Detroit Disability Power are planning another Virtual Pride Parade. In October Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) is having a conference to raise awareness about IDEA dashboard and inform the community about their University progress. There are recommendations on sessions addressing mental health, gender identity and social justice through graphics and comics. The Neubacher award process has begun, currently looking for nominees. Michigan Flyer is in contract negotiations to transport the disability community to the airport. They are asking CFDC for a letter of support to team up with a company call Via to guarantee rides with RideShare.*

#### **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES**

*D. Jeanes gave an update on the latest hires and retirements at City Hall.*

#### **CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon gave the chair report. He asked commissioners to consider who they would like to nominate for vice chair when we return in September.*

*He also discussed the city's future meeting plans and asked CM Nelson to keep the commissioners posted on any news about hybrid meeting in the fall.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*No Old Business was brought before the commission.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*No New Business was brought before the commission.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*No Announcements were brought before the commission.*

**MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM**

*The commission will plan to meet via Zoom in September.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.*

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