

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
October 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Re Steinman,
Alison Stroud

Commissioners Excused: None

Commissioners Unexcused: Lloyd Shelton

Sign Language Interpreter: Julie Vance

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Petersen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Steinman, that the agenda be approved as amended by adding Dave Askins from the Ann Arbor Chronicle. 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 or call 327-4000 for a list of current programs. 327-4224 to reach Library for the Blind.
- b. Dave Askins, editor and co-owner of the Ann Arbor Chronicle, discussed incorporating streaming internet text for the Community Television Network station.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Amy Shepherd inquired to Dave Askins about including descriptive audio to digital TV presentations and videos.

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Commissioner Steinman to approve the September 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes by amending Commissioners Present, Section e. Partners in Access, part 2. and 3., and Section VII. New Business, part a. All in favor. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

- a. City Personnel Report – None
- b. Chair Report
 1. Chairperson Evans discussed the survey regarding Michigan Rehabilitation Services that was distributed via e-mail.
 2. Chairperson Evans updated the Commission on the bylaws for Commissioner Keeler becoming Vice Chair. Commissioner Steinman and Commissioner Keeler volunteered to begin voting process.
- c. Recruiting Committee
 1. Chairperson Evans announced that those interested in being on the Commission may reach out to the City Liaison, Amy Seavitt at (734) 794-6122, or call the Mayor's Office at (734) 794-6161 for an application. Commissioner Keeler also distributed his e-mail address for interested applicants.
- d. Hollywood Committee
 1. Sensory Garden
 - a. Chairperson Evans reviewed the Sensory Garden information that is available on the Ann Arbor Disability Resources website.
 - b. Chairperson Evans discussed the maintenance and clean up for the Sensory Garden.
- e. Partners in Access Committee
 1. Commissioner Stroud volunteered as the new chairperson for the committee.
 2. Chairperson Evans and Commissioners Stroud and Keeler assessed the front of the downtown library, as well as an interested patron.
 3. The Commission reviewed the letter that was sent to the Ann Arbor District Library highlighting concerns about safety. Commissioner

Keeler moved to approve the letter, seconded by Commissioner Steinman. All in favor.

4. Chairperson Evans updated the Commission that a pedestrian crosswalk will be installed on State Street and I-94.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Chairperson Evans updated the Commission on the resource page.

VII. New Business

- a. Chairperson Evans discussed the letter drafted to the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority. Commissioner Petersen motioned to table the letter and revisit after a meeting with AATA leadership. Commissioner Stroud seconded. All in favor.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Chairperson Evans spoke about the University of Michigan's Investing in Abilities Week.
- b. Chairperson Evans spoke about the Allies for Disability Awareness art show.

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Coordinator