

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

- Present** 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Alex Gossage
- Absent** 1 - Christiana Allen-Pipkin

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[20-1899](#) November Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by K. Mozak-Betts, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 1/18/2021.

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

K. Monkiewicz discussed the Library is open for contact-less pick-up by appointment. New outside lockers at Treavorwood and West Gate, printing services are available. Essential Task services are available at 734-327-4200 to offer assistance. Current programs; aadl.tv on YouTube for board meetings, crafts, and book recommendations. Black Lives Matter discussion series on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. First ever Winter Games; read, watch, and listen. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

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

A. Gossage gave an update; the CIL is closed on December 23rd through January 4th 2021. Will reopen on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Upcoming events in January; the CIL will participate in the Big House 5K more to come next month. For more information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at

<http://www.annarborcil.org/>

V PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

D. Jeanes discussed the new hires and retirements for the City of Ann Arbor.

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon give the chair report. The Chair met with Assistant City Administrator John Fournier on Thursday, December 10, 2020 to discuss the City ADA Coordinator presenting on a regular basis to the commission. They also talked about the process in which complaints are received and what's been done. City Clerk J. Beaudry will send complaints to the appropriate department, then after the issue is resolved, send the complaint and outcome to Denise. Then a date will be scheduled when J. Beaudry can come and review the complaint with the commission.

On December 10, 2020 the Mayor and commission received the resignation from Commissioner Kristen Harrison, due to new administrative obligations at the university.

In January 2021 Jennifer Hall from the Housing Commission, will be our guest speaker to discuss housing assessability for people with disabilities. Think about some questions to have for her. Send your questions to Denise, so we can have them prepared for the question and answer period after her presentation.

1 HB-4738 CROSSWALK LAW

A motion was made by T. Hull and seconded by D. Poster to approve the HB-4738 Crosswalk Law recommendations and forward to Council. The motion carried on a voice vote.

2 CRASH TEST DATA RECOMMENDATIONS - TIM HULL

3 R-20-342 CHAPTER 40 (GARDENING ORDINANCE) REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES - MATTHEW SOLOMON

M. Solomon will create a draft of recommendations on the Gardening Ordinance for the commission to review for January's meeting.

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

R. Hawkins discussed in November, Ann Arbor Inclusive has an episode of Therapeutic Writing up for review on YouTube on the Ann Arbor CTN channel. Recently recorded an episode at Leslie Science and Nature Center to review in 2021.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler discussed how he and A. Gossage met to talk about different ideas, projects and collaborate on an Open House in the future. They discussed different ways to collect data through the City. The intersection on Stadium, how audible pedestrian signals are important to the public, snow buddies to expand through the community and promote community interactions. The commissioners are open to meeting on a monthly basis, second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Council Member E. Nelson suggested A2 City Hall to post questions. Z. Damon suggest to make audible option crosswalk signals an agenda item for 2021 and draft recommendations.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler request Council member E. Nelson resend applicant package for review.

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*
- 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.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE

L. Keeler discussed the comprehensive transportation plan draft sent to surrounding communities. The report on Healthy Streets, putting together the 2021 plan. Busing is still at limited capacity, a new route was possibly added this past August. K. Mozek-Betts mentioned all buses have protective shields that are permanent. Buses are cleaned several times per day, and a deep clean at the end of the day. Flex Ride are on the weekend.

g U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - KATHLEEN MOZAK BETTS

K. Mozak-Betts discussed November and December's council meetings. Now there is a student idea board, and the advisory group proposal discussed. December was a reflection of 2020 the positives and negatives. Hopeful 2021 bring positive change.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were brought before the commission.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the 2021 meeting schedule was made by L. Keeler and seconded by K. Mokaz-Betts. The motion passed.

a MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM IN JANUARY

No changes for in-person meetings have been announced. Plan to proceed with Zoom for January meeting.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

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