

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues  
November 20, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Amy Shepherd,  
Alison Stroud, Lloyd Shelton

Commissioners Unexcused: Re Steinman

Sign Language Interpreter: Julie Vance

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Petersen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler, that the agenda be approved as amended by adding Erica Briggs from the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition and Carolyn Growie from the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living to III. Presentations, and removing VI. Old Business, Section A., Part 1. 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](http://aadl.org) or call 327-4000 for a list of current programs. 327-4224 to reach Library for the Blind.
- b. Erica Briggs, Chair of the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition, and Carolyn Grawi with the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living, discussed the Pedestrian Crosswalk Ordinance that would be voted on in the upcoming City Council meeting.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Carolyn Growi made comment about the University of Michigan's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation research project.

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Petersen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Keeler to approve the October 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

a. City Personnel Report

1. Amy Seavitt, City Liaison, announced that the letter of recommendation to the Ann Arbor District Library and Downtown Development Authority was mailed.

b. Chair Report

1. Chairperson Evans discussed the bylaws behind unexcused absences.
2. Chairperson Evans discussed the opportunity for a City Council member be a member of the Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues. Commissioner Petersen moved to recommend that a City Council member officially appointed to the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Keeler. All in favor save for one abstention. Motion carries.

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.

d. Hollywood Committee

1. Chairperson Evans discussed the winterization of the sensory garden, as well as the need for volunteers in early spring for the May season during Bloomsday.
2. Commissioner Petersen recounted the letter from First Martin Corporation.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Commissioner Stroud discussed the letter of recommendation that was sent to the Ann Arbor District Library and Downtown Development Authority.

2. Commissioner Stroud discussed the closed captioning and text streaming for CTN. Commissioner Stroud moved to accept the letter to the Ann Arbor Chronicle, Communication Commission and CTN. Commissioner Shepherd seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
3. Chairperson Evans gave an update for the continuation of the State Street and I-94 and the Commerce Street sidewalk continuation.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Chairperson Evans updated the Commission on the resource page. Discussion ensued about suggestions for the website.

g. Ad Hoc Voting Committee

1. Commissioner Keeler discussed the upcoming voting for temporary Vice Chair at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. Commissioner Petersen spoke about the Pedestrian Crosswalk Ordinance.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Chairperson Evans spoke about the success of the Allies for Disability Awareness Art Show.
- b. Chairperson Evans discussed checking the resource page for events and helpful information.

IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Coordinator