



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, April 17, 2024

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Z. Damon called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Debra Poster, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 2 - Matthew Solomon, and Rachel Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

No public comment was brought before the commission

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Council Update was moved at the beginning of the Special Presentation section of the agenda after the City of Ann Arbor Parks ADA Transition Plan Presentation.

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Mozak, that the Agenda be approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Poster, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/6/2024. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CITY OF ANN ARBOR PARKS ADA TRANSITION PLAN PRESENTATION

The City of Ann Arbor Parks department presented the cities ADA Transition Plan. Commissioners provided their input and thoughts on the ada transition plan.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that City Council is working on an educational campaign to make the public aware that people with disabilities potentially using mobility devices or otherwise, are able to use bike lanes. More information and details to come. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared that the City Administrator shared the budget on Monday at the City Council meeting. There is approximately one million dollars left over in the budget for City Council to make recommendations. City Council will be discussing different ideas of how the money should be used. More details and information to come. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared that City Council is working on polices around snow management. Current recommendations are being reviewed. In addition, Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that the City of Ann Arbor is working to pass an ordinance protecting the right sit for employee's during their work hours. More information and details to come. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin stated that Ann Arbor Housing Commission is working to create an affordable housing list for the City of Ann Arbor. More information and details to come.

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ

For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

DISABILITY NETWORK (Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston) - ANDREA HENRY

For information on the events that are taking place with the Disability Network, please visit their website at <http://DNWML.org>

PARTNERS IN ACCESS - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the sub-committee did meet last week and discussed new ideas for the commission to create a list of community businesses accessibility features. Commissioners shared their thoughts and feedback on the idea. More information and details to come. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair Keeler for more information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins was not present to provide an update.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that recruitment for the Commission has been steady recently. The Commission currently has no vacancies to fill.

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.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission discussed several street resurfacing projects. The Transportation Commission also discussed speed reduction and different types of crosswalk signals. More information and details to come. The Transportation Commission is meeting tonight at 7:00pm and the meeting will be live on CTN.

U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - MATTHEW SOLOMON

Commissioner Solomon was unable to attend the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting to provide an update. Commissioner Mozak attended the meeting and provided the meeting minutes to the commission.

ORGANIZATIONAL EQUITY - TRACY BYRD

Tracy Byrd reported that there are no organizational equity updates at this time.

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reported that there is no city personnel report or updates at this time.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon reported that a street closure resolution was approved by City Council for restaurant and retail use. Chair Damon shared that the resolution is an accessibility issue to those in the community that travel to and from employment in downtown Ann Arbor. Commissioners shared that thoughts and feedback regarding the resolution. The commission discussed writing a letter to City Council suggesting an adjustment to the approved resolution. The commission will continue to discuss next steps. More information and details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ratcliff shared that the Ann Arbor Renters Commission meeting Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held on zoom. Commissioner Mozak shared that the Local Advisory Council for the Ann Arbor Area transportation authority will be meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 2:00pm. The meeting will take place in-person and virtually. Those who are interested can visit their website at <https://www.theride.org/>

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Packard the meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

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