

Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues
November 18, 2015
Draft Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Sally Petersen, Larry Keeler,
Kirk Westphal, Zachary Damon,
Amy Shepard, West Resendes

Commissioners Excused: Anna Schnitzer, Lloyd Shelton,
Larry Davis, Samantha Taylor,
Alison Stroud, Albert Blixt

Sign Language Interpreters: Tammy Carmichael and
Cathy Cherico

CART & CC Services: Sue Deer Hall

CTN Operator: Jason Broniak

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by K. Westphal, seconded by A. Shepard, approved unanimously

Approval of September 16 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by A. Shepard, seconded by L. Keeler, approved unanimously

Approval of October 21 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by L. Keeler, seconded by A. Shepard

Sally – wanted to correct the spelling of A. Blixt’s name

Minutes approved

Presentations:

Ira Lax, Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled

A few programs coming up:

1. “Tiny Expo” – December 12 – 11:00 am to 5:30 pm – Downtown Library
2. “Always Lost: A Meditation on War” – December 11, 2015 to February 24, 2016 – Downtown Library, Third Floor Gallery
 - a. Show Opening Event: December 11 – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm – Downtown Library, 4th Floor Meeting Room
3. “Health Insurance Options for Michiganders” – December 12 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Downtown Library, 4th Floor Meeting Room
4. “Drugs, Addiction, and the Brain” – Dr. Robinson from University of Michigan –

-Magazines in the Library are now located on the third floor.

- The library now has books available for iPad, Tablet, etc.

Public Comments

No one from the public was present.

Old Business

City Personnel Report – Sharie Sell

Nothing to Report

Chair Report – Sally Petersen

Linda Evans has resigned. In her resignation she cited personal and health issues. She also included in her letter to the mayor that the pedestrian safety issues were not taken seriously. Some of the highlights of Linda's time with the Commission included: Spirit of Sensory Garden, Partners in Access Committee, and her involvement with the Ann Arbor Inclusive Show. Sally wants to publicly say "thank you" to Linda.

Community Engagement Committee- Sally Petersen, Chair

Resource cards have been printed and are ready to be delivered and invoiced. They should be delivered to Kim Buselmeier for appropriate distribution.

Sally hopes that the Community Engagement Committee will be able to meet with the new Ann Arbor Police Chief, James White.

Zach – Ann Arbor Inclusive Show – 3rd episode just wrapped up.

Sally – Community Engagement Committee will not meet again until January, due to Holidays coming into conflict with meeting dates.

Partners in Access Committee – Sally Petersen to Update
Sally and Allison communicated by email and discussed the request to City Staff for Huron Parkway beacon crosswalk to have flashing lights there with a lit up speed limit sign.

Volunteers are needed for the next Chair of the PIA Committee.

Disability Resources Page Update – Sally Petersen to Update
A new Chair is needed.

Recruiting Activity – Larry Keeler

Need more applications for committees. Anyone interested can contact the Mayor, Sharie Sell, or Heather Koch.

Bylaws Committee – Amy Sheperd

Committee was able to meet, Chris Frost from City Attorney's office was present. A resolution was brought up – the HR Liaison counts as one member, so there are actually 13 members. 9 out of 13 commission positions will be reserved for persons who have disclosed disabilities.

Amy read completed resolution out loud, as requested by Sally.

Motion to approve resolution by A. Sheperd, seconded by L. Keeler.

Resolution approved.

Announcements

Sally wanted to use this time to talk about Linda.

Larry – Linda will be greatly missed.

New Business

Kirk asked for help with recommendations for snow shoveling to help people with disabilities during the winter.

Sally suggested PIA should help with this.

Kirk noted that staff is willing to post resources on their snow removal page.

Larry needs West to help him as part of the nominating committee to find a new vice chair for the Disabilities Commission.

Adjournment at 3:53 pm.

Submitted by: Heather Koch, Human Resources Coordinator.