

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

Commissioners Present: Linda Evans, Larry Keeler, Gloria Kolb, Sally Petersen,
Monica Cox

Commissioners Excused: Ian Scott, Patti Smith, Ramona Williams

Sign Language Interpreter: Julie Vance

CTN Operator: Robert Hughes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. The Commissioners individually introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Keeler motioned, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, that the agenda be approved as presented by removing a. Ira Lax – Ann Arbor Public Library from III. Presentations and adding a. Susan Pollay – Executive Director for the Downtown Development Authority. Additional changes made in VIII. Announcements. Motion carries.

III. Presentations

- a. Susan Pollay, Executive Director at the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority, gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the Connecting William Street Project that involves five city parcels. The plan has been completed and they will now begin to work on its implementation. Pollay thanked the Commission for their input and assistance through the development of this project.

IV. Public Comments – None

V. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Commissioner Petersen motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kolb to approve the December 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes as presented by amending e. Partners in Access

3. Connecting Williams Street to Commissioner Kolb and 4. Stadium Bridge Reconstruction to Chairperson Evans . Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

a. City Personnel Report

b. Chair Report

1. Chairperson Evans announced the Commission retreat that will be taking place on Saturday, February 2 at noon in the Council Workroom.

c. Recruiting Committee

1. Commissioner Kolb announced that the Commission will begin distributing the flier that had been previously approved in a prior meeting. She also provided contact information for people interested in joining the Commission. Those interested may reach out to 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. Sensory Garden Proposal Design – Chairperson Evans briefly discussed the memo that included information about the donation letter the Commission plans to hand out.
2. Letter for Donations to Sensory Garden – The Commission reviewed the donation letter they intend on distributing. Commissioner Keeler motioned to approve for dissemination and Commissioner Petersen seconded. Discussion ensued with changes to the letter. All in favor. Motion carries.

e. Partners in Access Committee

1. Commissioner Kolb had no updates. She plans on reaching out to Patrick Cawley regarding the APS at Broadway and Swift. Chairperson Evans addressed the viewing audience that if they believe an APS is needed in a certain location to contact the Commission so they may look into it.

f. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Commissioner Cox updated the Commission that the Committee members have completed their respective parts. They will reconvene to put it all together and then contact the web developer to implement.

VII. New Business

- a. Commissioner Petersen recapped the most recent meeting of the University of Michigan's Council for Disability Concerns. She suggested having the Commission review these minutes for the next meeting so they may discuss how to better align the University's and City's mission.

VIII. Announcements

- IX. Adjournment – Chairperson Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Seavitt, HR Assistant