



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, January 18, 2023

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present all participants from Ann Arbor, MI

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Alex Gossage, and Ayesha Ghazi Edwin

Absent 2 - Christiana Allen-Pipkin, and Kinsey Button

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Damon, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/20/2023. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was brought before the commission.

Rosanita Ratcliff, CODI Candidate

CODI Applicant; Rosanita Ratcliff gave a brief introduction about herself

to the commission.

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ

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

ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - JOYCE BLAIR

For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>

PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - ALEX GOSSAGE & RACHEL HAWKINS

Partners in Access: A. Gossage reported L. Keeler and CM A. G. Edwin met and discussed the upcoming meeting with Larua Orta, Director of Operational Equity regarding the hiring of the City Accessibility/Disability coordinator. CM A. G. Edwin met with Orta to ensure CODI is integrated into policy, decisions and processes in future city initiatives. A. Gossage discussed the A2 Snow Match program and how the city has been looking for volunteers for this service. CM A. G. Edwin gave an update about the language on the City's promotional materials has been revised to be mindful of all people with disabilities. The verification of income and disability eligibility criteria will be available for anyone who self-identifies with any type of disability with no income verification.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L Keeler reported on CODI candidate Rosanita Ratcliff introduction to the commission. Another candidate is also being processed, more information will be available at February's meeting.

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

L. Keeler reported November and December meetings. The next meeting will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. and will report at February's meeting.

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

M. Solomon provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. The council met on January 10, 2023 with a presentation by Jessica McQuade who is the head of a pilot program called LSA Disability Navigators a 3 year pilot, currently in their second year. This program coordinates services for U of M employees who have disabilities. Accessible meeting support is available with offset travel cost for employees needing ADA rooms on site. Their program agenda success was discussed and a overall comprehensive look at U of M with an accessibility lens that ties into Emergency Preparedness. M. Solomon suggested some elements of this model should be considered creating a job description for Accessibility Coordinator and encouraging commissioners to investigate, access then activate. CM A.G. Edwin mentioned she is working on a Disability Ambassador Program.

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CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

D. Jeanes gave an update on the latest hires and retirement at City Hall.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

No chair report.

OLD BUSINESS**Draft CODI Resolution**

A. Gossage moved to table the CODI Resolution to Ann Arbor City Council, seconded by D Poster. Motion passed.

[22-2003](#) CODI Resolution to Ann Arbor City Council

NEW BUSINESS

CM A.G.Edwin reported on her list of constituents concerns and plans to meet with Matthew Carpenter, AAATA-CEO to get more information when para-transit services will resume.

Vote on Candidate: M. Solomon move to postpone a vote on CODI candidate, Rosanita Ratcliff until February's meeting. Seconded by D. Poster. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS**ADJOURNMENT**

M. Solomon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by K. Mozak. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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