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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Alex Gossage
- Absent** 2 - Matthew Solomon , and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

21-0065 CODI December Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by L. Keeler, seconded by T. Hull, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/16/2021. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

IV SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Ann Arbor Housing Commissioner Jennifer Hall

Ms. Hall has been rescheduled for a later date.

a KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

K. Monkiewicz updated the commission on events happening at the library. All locations are open; mail service and shelf service are available. Boards and puzzles are available from the catalog. Improved Wi-Fi in the library parking lot. Recipe share bi-weekly from 7-8. AADL-TV on YouTube this month 30 days of clay. Printing and Essential Task services are available. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

b ALEX GOSSAGE; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

A. Gossage discussed recruiting for the Disability Action Lab Program. The Virtual Art Program is on Wednesday's from 2 -3 p.m., with print

making, February comic book illustrations. Collaboration with U of M School of Architecture on the Universal Space Design Workshop from February 1 through April 19, 2021. Trivia Tuesday's from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. Virtual Movie Club at 3:00 p.m. and Virtual Super Bowl Party on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. RSVP Super Bowl Party by January 28, 2021. For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>

V PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public were brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

D. Jeanes gave the personnel update; Tom Guajardo, New HR Director and Sydney Parmenter, Emergency Management Coordinator.

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon asked the commissioners to vote on changing September's meeting date from September 15, 2021 to September 22, 2021 in observation of Yom Kippur. The motion carried on a voice vote.

He mentioned Jennifer Hall, Housing Commissioner will reschedule her visit to CODI for sometime in the Spring. When she will give a presentation on the housing questions she received.

He talked about the Canadian Television Network - Disability Channel and their employment program for people with disability, teaching media production and tools.

1 R-20-342 CHAPTER 40 (GARDENING ORDINANCE) REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES - MATTHEW SOLOMON

Z. Damon introduced the recommendations Commissioner M. Solomon reviewed for the commission. The recommendations were approved on a voice vote and will be sent to Sara Higgins, Transportation Commission and on to City Council.

c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - RACHEL HAWKINS

No Community Engagement update to report.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler announced that A. Gossage is the Chair for Partner in Access. The committee has decided to meet on a monthly basis, and all commissioners are welcome to attend. Council member Nelson reported the committee will be able to use the A2 survey tool to address disability concerns.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

No Recruiting update to report.

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*
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- 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.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull discussed the Transportation Commission are reviewing their annual report and making updates. He advised the commission to check out the Transportation meeting tonight.

g U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - KATHLEEN MOZAK BETTS

K. Mozak-Betts discussed there are no minutes for January. She mention revisiting their 2020 living document; made some additions, and reviewing ways to become better advocates.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

Z. Damon discussed the City ADA coordinator report, and suggested the commission receive one each quarter from the City Clerk's office.

T. Hull announced the RTA advisory committee is looking for new members their information is on the website until the end of January.

Taylor Thornton, Master of Social Work student at the University of Michigan is an intern at the Center for Independent Living working with A. Gossage on community outreach.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

K. Mozak-Betts suggested the commission look into; how do we advocate for access to services after the pandemic to support and promote digital accessibility.

a MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM IN FEBRUARY

No changes for in-person meetings have been announced. Plan to proceed with Zoom for February's meeting.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

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