

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

3:15 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers

Disability Issues, Commission on

I ROLL CALL

Sally Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Alison Stroud, Larry Leon Davis, Anna Ercoli-Schnitzer, Sally Hart Petersen, Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, and Albert Blixt

Absent 2 - Lloyd Shelton, and Westley Resendes

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

L. Keeler motioned to approve, seconded by A. Stroud. All approved on a voice vote.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Alison Stroud, Larry Leon Davis, Anna Ercoli-Schnitzer, Sally Hart Petersen, Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, and Albert Blixt

Absent 2 - Lloyd Shelton, and Westley Resendes

III APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2016 MINUTES

H. Koch to fix spelling of A. Stroud's name.

A. Stroud motioned to approve. All approved on a voice vote.

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Commission on Disability Issues, Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2016

Approved by the Commission and forwarded

IV PRESENTATIONS**a Ira Lax, WAShtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled**

Update on Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled events taking place at the Library. Please watch recording for detailed information.

b Larissa Kunynskyj, Accessibility Programs Coordinator, and Lorrie Beaumont, Director of Education, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Presentation of "My Turn"

Larissa Kunynskyj and Lorrie Beaumont from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum gave a presentation on a program called "My Turn, A Sensory Friendly Sunday". The presentation will be available in the Human Resources Office, and interested parties should visit their website for all event information.

Website: <http://myturncommunity.org/>

c Nick Hutchinson and Cynthia Redinger, Ann Arbor City Staff Members; Q & A regarding accessibility and crosswalks

Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer, and Cynthia Redinger, Traffic Engineer, from the City of Ann Arbor held a Q & A session for the commission. They presented a series of facts and answers to pre-determined questions. The presentation is available in the

Human Resources Office.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS - limited to 8 minutes

a Linda Evans, Former Disability Commission Chair - Announcement about The Sensory Garden

Linda Evans spoke about the Ann Arbor Inclusive Show, and the upcoming guests they have secured for the show. She requested that the commission let her know if there are any futher ideas on guests for the show. Linda is also a member of the Community Engagement Committee, and she is involved with the Sensory Garden. The Sensory Garden needs help putting in new plants and cleaning up the Garden.

Linda explained that the Sensory Garden was created based off of an idea of a former commissioner, who was very interested in putting a Sensory Garden in Ann Arbor. A year after the idea was created, the beginning stages of the Garden started. If anyone is interested in helping out on Bloomsday, May 21, please let Linda know. Linda would like all the commissioners to let her know if they are interested in helping or not.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a City Personnel Report - Heather Koch

H. Koch gave an update on the City Administrator recruitment process.

b Chair Report - Sally Petersen

S. Petersen announced that the commission's Closed Captioning Ordinance was passed by City Council on Monday, April 18. The partners in access committee will be taking this work on.

c Community Engagement Committee Report - Sally Petersen, Chair

The next Community Engagement committee meeting is tomorrow night, April 21. S. Petersen has reached out to the Police Chief for an update on the Disability Resource Cards, and the update will be provided at the next CODI meeting.

Z. Damon spoke about the Ann Arbor Inclusive Show. He is still committed to getting captioning for the show so that it is accessible to more members of the audience.

d Partners in Access Committee - West Resendes and Alison Stroud

The last PIA meeting was on April 11, with only Alison and West in attendance. A memo was written at this meeting to City Council about the closed captioning ordinance.

A. Stroud also discussed the letter that was written by she and West Resendes to the AAATA on best practices used by drivers with disabilities. S. Petersen asked A. Schnitzer to help move this forward during the next U of M Council on Disability Issues meeting.

**Motion and second?* On a voice vote, all commissioners voted to send this letter.*

Z. Damon asked for all commissioners to improve their communication with A. Stroud and W. Resendes in regards to attendance at these meetings.

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e Recruiting Activity - Larry Keeler

L. Keeler gave an update on the two applications that the commission recieved. S. Petersen made sure that all the commissioners were clear on the recently updated bylaws. Because of these bylaw changes, the two seats that are currently available on the commission are reserved for people who are willing to disclose that they have a disability.

VI ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII NEW BUSINESS

a U of M Council for Disability Concerns Meeting Update and Minutes

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VII ADJOURNMENT

Minutes submitted by Heather Koch, Human Resources

Captioning Service provided by ScreenLine, Sue Deer Hall

Live Video Streaming provided by CTN

Sign Language Interpreting provided by University Translators, with Tammie Carmichael and