

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

4:00 PM

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

Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Present 11 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Kristen Harrison, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

Absent 1 - Nikolas Koscielniak

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

L. Keeler moved to approve the agenda, seconded by E. Nelson. All approved on a voice vote.

III APPROVAL OF JUNE 19 MEETING MINUTES

L. Keeler moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting with correction to spelling of the Neubacker Award, seconded by S. Petersen. All approved on a voice vote.

IV PRESENTATIONS**a JOHN FOURNIER, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND JACKIE BEAUDRY, CITY CLERK, REGARDING CITY ADA ASSESSMENTS**

John Fournier and Jackie Beaudry gave an outline of the policies and practices regarding how ADA assessments and coordinator duties are handled by the City, including functionality improvements that have been made or are being made, in addition to answering questions from commissioners.

b LINDSAY CLARK; BEST BUDDIES

Lindsay Clark gave a presentation on Best Buddies's developing presence in Michigan and provided an overview on the organization's goal and activities toward ending the social, physical and economic isolation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

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

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

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

V PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO EIGHT MINUTES

There were no public comments brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS

C. Farris was not present; no report at this time.

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon provided a recap on the Gala Summer Picnic on July 26 held by the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. Also mentioned was the commission's need for a Partners in Access Committee chair and invited anyone who is interested in serving as such to reach out to him via email. A discussion around appointment is to be held at the next commission meeting. Finally, he also asks that all commissioners review the proposed state crosswalk ordinance (HB 4738) and make notes or bullet points for discussion in October regarding drafting a letter of support requesting it to be revised or rewritten.

Following up on a discussion in June, Z. Damon asked if the upkeep and maintenance of the Amtrak platform was still an ongoing issue and if a letter of support should be drafted regarding it. K. Mozak-Betts will be reaching out to her contact and discussing with the U of M Council for Disability Concerns regarding current status of work with this issue.

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

R. Hawkins did not receive any new information on tapings with Ann Arbor Inclusive, but will be following up with them to report on in October. K. Mozak-Betts suggested that it might be beneficial to have quarterly update presentations with the commission; Z. Damon will be following up on the idea with them.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE

There no currently serving chair for Partners in Acces on the committee and no update at this time.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activities for the commission. He was unable to meet with the Mayor's secretary at this time for new applications, but will be following up with her via email. E. Nelson will also check to see if she would be able to share names out of the system for him.

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> Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on sub-committees such as Partners in Access and Community Engagement.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission. The approved road diets were kicked back to the commission with public feedback from an issued survey, with one of three being approved by City Council. Also discussed at the last meeting was the crosswalk law (HB 4738), passing a resolution opposing it in its current form saying it could pre-empt local law. Discussions are also ongoing regarding construction impacts that cause sidewalk and road closures for pedestrians and bike traffic.

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

K. Mozak-Betts provided a report on recent meetings for the U of M Council for Disability Concerns, also reaffirming her committment to serving as the commission's liaison again for the coming year.

The U of M Athletic Department has announced that the 2020 Army/Navy wheelchair basketball game will occur on March 28 at Chrysler Arena. Updates on Disability Community Month will be provided in October, with it kicking off on October 2. On October 11, Dogs on the Diag will be held outside the Hatcher Graduate Library. The James T. Neubacher Awards

ceremony will be occurring on October 25 at Rackham Assembly.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made at the meeting.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up at this meeting.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:46pm.