

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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 9 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, and Alex Gossage

Absent 4 - Nikolas Koscielniak, Matthew Solomon , Rachel Hawkins, and Kristen Harrison

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

K. Mozak-Betts moved to approve the agenda with a date correction of January 15 for the meeting minutes item, seconded by C. Allen-Pipkin. All approved on voice vote.

III APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15 MEETING MINUTES

S. Petersen moved to approve the January 15 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Poster. All approved on a voice vote.

IV PRESENTATIONS

a 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/>

b ALEX GOSSAGE; 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

Lloyd Shelton spoke with the commission and discussed the Disability Day of Mourning event on March 1st.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a HB-4738 CROSSWALK LAW

A. Gossage and L. Keeler will review the White Cane law resolution and provide a recommendation for the commission to discuss and vote on in the March meeting. Z. Damon will be collecting more updated crash data and partnering with T. Hull on developing a recommendation on HB-4738, also to be reviewed and voted on in the next meeting.

b CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS

C. Farris announced the departure of City Administrator Howard Lazarus on February 29.

c CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave the chair report. He shared an update on the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) focus group he attended and highlighted the importance of the commission's role in the City's DEI initiative. He also reminded commissioners whose terms are expiring to notify C. Farris of their intent to be reappointed or not if they had not done so already.

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

R. Hawkins was not present, no update at this time.

e PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler provided an update on the Partners in Access Committee. Due to scheduling issues they did not meet this month, however they will be meeting in April with the intent to also develop the agenda.

f RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activities for the commission. With the expectation that there will be some vacancies coming from commissioners that will not be seeking reappointment, he will be reviewing applications with E. Nelson.

Anyone who is interested in applying can do so by contacting the Mayor's office at 734-794-6161, or apply online on <https://a2gov.granicus.com/boards/w/fe6c5e22e6f4a331/vacancies>

1 IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY AND THE COMMISSION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE NEW COMMISSIONERS

L. Keeler will continue to work with E. Nelson on applications received.

g TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission. He informed the commission about the resolution that was passed for HB-4738 and the link he sent to the commission about it. He also discussed the comprehensive transportation update, the micro mobility committee coming back and street and sidewalk millage renewals. Finally, he also announced that RTA will be introducing a new express bus between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

K. Mozak-Betts brought up the state of the sidewalks downtown and asked what the best method is for a citizen to report concerns. E. Nelson encourages citizens to report their issues to A2fixit so the City can be made aware along with the documentation such as photos that citizens can submit with it.

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

K. Mozak-Betts provided an update on the U of M Council of Disability Concerns. She discussed a presentation made by Dr. Michelle Mead from the University of Michigan-Medicine on the topic of healthy aging for individuals and shown at this presentation was a project aiming to create a national resource center that will provide training, activities and technical assistance to the disability community.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

Z. Damon announced the date of the University of Michigan Army-Navy wheelchair basketball game, which will be March 28th at the Chrysler Center.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up before the commission.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm