

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

CALL TO ORDER

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present all participating from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, and Elizabeth Nelson

Absent 3 - Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0949](#) CODI April Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by T. Hull, seconded by D. Poster, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/28/2021. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public were brought before the commission.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

AMBER MILLER; DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, BOB DOYLE; SMITH GROUP, OLIVER KILEY; SMITH GROUP

Bob Doyle; from the Smith Group gave a presentation with participation from Partners in Access around two projects; Division Street and State Street. Including DDA values, People Friendly Streets 2 and Key elements. The entire presentation was sent to commissioners via email.

KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

K. Monkiewicz gave an update; all library's are open for contact-less pickups. She will inform the commission if the library will open fully this summer. For the time being please use their high speed internet services 24 hours per day, no login or library card required. Browsing and printing services are available. Book zoom meeting room for up to two hours and 300 attendees. Public can submit something for posting on a branch bulletin board. Need help with essential task on line call 734-327-4200. Programming is taking a break, check the archives on YouTube. Special programming on Wendy Carlos her work and legacy in the music industry today. Sign-up for Braille and audio reading download services BARD. New titles added to BARD; The Beauty of Living Twice by Sharon Stone. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

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

R. Hawkins gave an update on Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. April's show was with New Oakland Center. R.Hawkins will send a link for the commissioners to view.

RACHEL HAWKINS; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE

R. Hawkins gave an update on upcoming show for May to be announced. There future plans will have Easter Seals of Michigan on an upcoming episode. There will be a summer break from interviews for June and July and rerunning past episodes.

ALEX GOSSAGE; PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

No update to report.

LARRY KEELER; RECRUITING ACTIVITY

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*
- 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.

TIM HULL; TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE

T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission. Tonight the commission will discuss the Personal Mobility Ordinance, includes anything considered a motor vehicle by the State of Michigan. Update on the Healthy Streets Committee and a vote to recommend support on a bill in the State Legislation on driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants.

KATHLEEN MOZAK; U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council of Disability Concerns (taken from Commissioner Mozak's notes). Council is invited to work with the office of DEI, Disability Culture at U of M, and others to develop fall programming based on the Student Idea Board recommendations. They will combine this with their usual disability community monthly planning.

The Newbacher Award this year will pilot a different process for award committee and selection.

DENISE JEANES; CITY PERSONNEL REPORT

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

ZACH DAMON; CHAIR REPORT

Z. Damon gave the chair report. He discussed how beneficial the DDA parking map will be as a resource on the CODI website.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought before the commission.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were brought before the commission.

MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM FOR JUNE

The commission will plan to meet via Zoom in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

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