



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, October 16, 2024

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Z. Damon called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:00 P.M.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 10 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

**Absent** 2 - Rachel Hawkins, and Alex Gossage

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

*No public comment was brought before the commission.*

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Mozak, seconded by Keeler, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*September meeting minutes will be approved at the November commission meeting.*

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**SUPERIOR VAN & MOBILITY PRESENTATION**

*For information on van and mobility services from Superior Van & Mobility, please visit their website at <https://www.superiorvan.com/>*

[24-1801](#) Superior Van - Presentation

**WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ**

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

**DISABILITY NETWORK (Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston) - ANDREA HENRY**

*For information on the events that are taking place with the Disability Network, please visit their website at <http://DNWML.org>*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS - LARRY KEELER**

*Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the sub-committee did meet last week and discussed concerns related to issue of stair steps on third street and the window sign announcements at the Michigan Theater designed for announcing commission meetings and community events. The sub-committee also discussed concerns about accessible parking down town and City Hall, and AATA bus stop route announcements. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair Keeler for more information.*

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS**

*Commissioner Hawkins was not present to provide an update.*

**RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the commission currently has one vacancy to fill. The commission received three candidate applications Recruitment for the Commission interviewed one of the candidates and will be introducing the candidate at the November commission meeting.*

*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](https://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.

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - LARRY KEELER**

*Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission met last week and will also be meeting tonight at 7:00pm and the meeting will be live on CTN. The Transportation Commission also discussed current issues with bike lanes and different types of crosswalk signals in the city. Street resurfacing projects and speed reduction were also discussed. More information and details to come.*

#### **U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - MATTHEW SOLOMON**

*Commissioner Solomon reported that the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns met last week. The council during the meeting had an introduction of the new council co-chair Melissa Shrakovich and there was a presentation by Winner Macleod on accessible voting. Commissioner Solomon also shared two upcoming events. The first event is called Toward Anti-Ablest Academy that will be held October 29, 2024 through the 31st. The second event is the 5th Annual Disability Research Symposium.*

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL EQUITY - TRACY BYRD**

*Tracy Byrd reported that the Clerk's Office and the Accessibility Coordinator completed accessibility audits of 22 Polling Places (and 5 drop boxes). Tracy Byrd also shared that the Ann Arbor Planning Open House will be held October 23, 2024 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm for more information please visit. <https://a2compplan-a2-mi.hub.arcgis.com/>. The*

*AARP- Walk Audit will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 12:00 pm -5:00 pm. For more information please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/uCcwM7rU2Y>. Detroit Disability Power Voting Accessibility Audit Training will be held in-person on Friday, October 18, 2024 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm and the virtual training will be held on October 23, 2024 from 6:00 pm - 7:30pm. The For more information please visit <https://ssw.umich.edu/events/list/2024/10/18/66161-access-audit-training-with-detroit-disability-power>*

#### **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS**

*Kennedi Cummings reported that there is no city personnel report or updates at this time.*

#### **CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Chair Damon report that he attended the Disability Network WML Fundraiser at Mothfire Brewing Co. on October 10, 2024. Chair Damon also shared that the "Right To Sit" Ordinance is returning to Council for a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2024. It's expected that businesses will attend. All are welcomed to attend the meeting.*

#### **CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN**

*Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin Council reported that the City of Ann Arbor ordinance protecting the right sit for employee's during their work hours had the first reading Monday, October 7, 2024 and it passed. The ordinance will be brought back to City Council on at their next meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 for the second reading. More information and details to come. Council Member Edwin also shared that the Downtown Developed Authority will be implementing new standards over the next year, that will include adding a hundred of new accessible parking spots in the City.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

*None*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

*None*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Ratcliff moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Buis the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.*

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