



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, June 21, 2023

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Damon called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioner participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

Commissioner Hawkins arrived at 4:08 p.m.

Present 6 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Rachel Hawkins, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Rosanita Ratcliff

Absent 3 - Matthew Solomon, Debra Poster, and Alex Gossage

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Commission held a moment of silence of Commissioner Poster who was recently hit by a vehicle by crossing the street.

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 Ratcliff, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Keeler, that the Minutes be approved by the Commission. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY 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) - JOYCE BLAIR

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

PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/RECRUITING ACTIVITY - ALEX GOSSAGE, RACHEL HAWKINS AND LARRY KEELER

Partners in Access: Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the sub-committee has not meet since the last meeting but still has meetings scheduled for the summer.

Community Engagement/Ann Arbor Inclusive: Commissioner Hawkins reported that Ann Arbor Inclusive has not provided the updated report yet but will provide when available.

Recruiting: Vice-Chair Keeler reported there are a few people interested but they have not yet submitted applications. He is hopefully, that by the September meeting there will be a few applicants for the Commission to review. The Commission currently has 4 vacancies to fill.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the City is currently working on a crosswalk at Packard and Granger. The Transportation Commission considered a resolution to give the residents more control of construction projects, this resolution was discussed but sent back to committee. The commission also discussed the various commuter challenges offer by the Downtown Development Authority including "Conquer the Cold" and

promoted the GoPass bus pass.

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Commissioner Solomon was not present to provide the update.

DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL EQUITY - LAURA ORTA

Director of Organizational Equity Laura Orta was not present to provide an update.

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT

Chief Deputy City Clerk Gerhart gave an update on the latest hires and retirements at City Hall, including the hiring of Kennedi Cummings to CODI, HRC, and ICPOC Office Manager.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon provided the following report to the Commission. Reported the Commission attended Vision 2020 at the AADL and that Vice Chair Keeler staffed at table that attracted very good traffic. The Commission also staffed at table along with ICPOC and HRC at the Juneteenth celebration and the Mayor recognized the good work that the Commission does for the community.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

(Chair Damon left at 4:43 p.m.)

Present 5 - Larry Keeler, Kathleen Mozak, Rachel Hawkins, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Rosanita Ratcliff

Absent 4 - Zachary Damon, Matthew Solomon , Debra Poster, and Alex Gossage

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that the equitable traffic

stop ordinance advance on first reading at the June 20th City Council meeting. She shared the positive impact that it should have on limiting potentially violent police interactions. The Council also request the City move forward with the RFP for the unarmed response program. She also discussed that the State Legislation is currently looking to amend State Law to allow for communities to set a minimum wage higher than that of the State. She will be meeting with the City Attorney's to draft a resolution urging support for this legislation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ratcliff discussed that a recent Planning Commission meeting a discussion on offering premiums to developers for meeting certain affordability and sustainability criteria was discussed and discussed the need for the City to have an ADA Coordinator to ensure that accessibility beyond just the bare minimum is pushed just a strongly in future developments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ratcliff, seconded by Mozak, that the Meeting be Adjourn. On a voice vote, the Vice-Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m..

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