



City of Ann Arbor
Meeting Minutes - Draft
Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, April 20, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present all participants from Ann Arbor, MI.

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Elizabeth Nelson, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

Absent 3 - Timothy Hull, Debra Poster, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Democratic Floor Leader Yousef Rabhi Resolution for Complete Reform of the No-Fault Auto Law

Democratic Floor Leader Yousef Rabhi discuss his HB 5931 for the insurance industry to restore the personal injury protection coverage for catastrophic claims to reimburse individuals for covered care. The bill is a full repeal of the 2019 law.

Thea Yagerlener, Office of Sustainability and Innovations - Sustainable Energy Utility

Thea Yagerlener from the Office of Sustainability and Innovations gave an overview on what the Sustainable Energy Utility is, and how it would

operate in Ann Arbor. And their goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 (A2zero).

22-0742 Write-Up on Proposed Sustainable Energy Utility

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22-0680 CODI March Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by L.Keeler, seconded by R. Hawkins, that the Minutes be Approved with changes by the commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/16/2022.

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/>

ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - JOYCE BLAIR

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

PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES - ALEX GOSSAGE & RACHEL HAWKINS

A. Gossage gave a report on the commission participating in the Visions Conference taking place at the District Library on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

R. Hawkins gave an update on Ann Arbor Inclusive. Their next show will air on Friday, April 22, 2022 on CTN at 4:30 p.m., guest speaker, founder of We Can't Wait discussing the auto insurance no-fault reform. The March show is up on YouTube. The show focus on multi disciplinary collaborative course with University of Detroit-Mercy, which pairs engineering students and nursing students with clients who have physical disabilities to build a medically safe devise to improve their quality of life.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler gave a report on recruiting. He has received another application submitted to the commission and will review in the near future.

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*
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- 4. Scroll down to and click "Commission on Disability Issues" from the alphabetically sorted list.*
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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 - TIM HULL

No Report. March minutes attached.

[22-0688](#) Transportation March Minutes

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

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 10 at noon. The council discussed current and emerging issues that exist in the disability community. Brainstorming topics: ADA baseline training available to various campus units. Update on disability community center. Update on a formalized academic program on disability culture and studies. Update on the digital accessibility policy and standard practice guide. No decisions were made.

[22-0689](#) CfDC April Minutes

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

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

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon discussed CODI participating in the upcoming Visions Conference on Wednesday, June 8th at Ann Arbor District Library. There will be a table available for CODI. He ask commissioners for feedback on what's beneficial and effective communication materials to promote our mission and work to the community?

OLD BUSINESS**CODI Support COVID Plan CTA 2022 with Detroit Disability Power**

Z. Damon discussed the signing of the Support Covid Plan CTA 2022 with Detroit Disability Power.

[22-0700](#) COVID Plan CTA 2022

NEW BUSINESS

[22-0704](#) Commission on Disability Issues Resolution in Support of No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform

K. Mozak, moved to send House Bill No. 5931 the No-Fault Auto Insurance Resolution to City Council, seconded by A. Gossage. The motion carried, L. Keeler abstain.

A motion was made by K. Mozak, seconded by A. Gossage, that the Report or Communication be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/5/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Changing December's Meeting Date

The commission decided to table this discussion for a later date.

COMMUNICATIONS

L. Keeler suggest commissioners review the bylaws; sections 10-12 on absenteeism.

ADJOURNMENT

*CM Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Keeler.
Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.*

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