



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

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Wednesday, February 16, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All participated from Ann Arbor.

Present 7 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Elizabeth Nelson, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, and Alex Gossage

Absent 4 - Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, and Kinsey Button

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-0289](#) CODI January Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by L. Keeler, seconded by K. Mozak that the Minutes be Approved by the commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 03/07/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ

K. Monkiewicz gave an update on events surrounding Washtenaw Reads. Online Author Event; Thursday, February 17, 2022, Judith Heumann with Kristen Joiner: Being Heumann. Discuss Judith Memoir being Heumann, an unrepentant memoir of a disability rights activist. Monday, February, 21, Revolutionary Practicing Disability Justice. Two showings; 9 until 11 am and 6 until 8 pm. Culinary Historian series: The Provisions of War on Sunday, February 20, 2022 4 until 5:30 pm. Expanding the boundaries of food and conflict 1842 -1990. For more 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 - ALEX GOSSAGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Gossage gave an update on how the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL) continues to provide resources and services to the community. CIL provides a variety of different social, recreational and support opportunities throughout the week. He reported on the State's Attorney General's office opinion on the ADA and open meetings act regarding boards and commissions can continue to meet remotely. For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - RACHEL HAWKINS

Z. Damon gave the community engagement update. He announced February's show for Ann Arbor Inclusive will feature the Center for Independent Living (CIL) premiering Friday, February 18th. Ann Arbor Inclusive is currently working to secure March's guest.

PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE

A. Gossage discussed his conversation with Human Rights Commissioner, Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin a partner of Detroit Disability Power. She wanted to bring a concern to our attention. A member of the community received a couple of citations because they were unable to shovel their snow. What can PIA do to identify ways and resources to provide people with disability assistance? Moving forward PIA will reach out to ADA coordinator, Jackie Beaudry and Assistant City Administrator, John Fournier to discuss disability related issues and a more centralized

way for people with disabilities to contact the city.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler discussed the commission has two new applications to review. He plans to meet with CM Nelson to review their credentials, afterwards reach out to the applicants via zoom.

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.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission. January meeting had the election for Chair and Vice Chair. A presentation on the DDA State Street project. A review of Policy Agenda Item for State Legislature. They discussed traffic calming petition and approval of the Annual Report. At February's meeting they plan to discuss a resolution to put forward to council about U of M building housing, more about traffic calming and the West Medical Center Drive Bridge. Possible bylaws update; plans to suggest all appointees have alternates.

Transportation Commission Liaison

T. Hull ask if any commissioners are interested in his position as transportation liaison? If so, please contact him or Chair Z. Damon.

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

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns.

Their new co-chair was introduced, Colleen Van Lent, Lecturer in the School of Information, she teaches web design and a member of the student IDEA board. She gave an update on parking accessibility - specifically at the Natural History Museum, concerns about pick-up and drop-offs and other safety issues. LSA has a new program-Disability Navigators they're working with the DEI office and LSA-HR. They have set goals for the first 90 days. They met with U of M council and want to meet with leaders and disability advocates to help understand disability culture at U of M. K. Mozak expressed her disappointment at this year's Super Bowl regarding interpreters and the deaf community. Next meeting Tuesday, March 8th via zoom.

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 gave the chair report. He discussed how important it is to support the Resolution for Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act. He thank CM Nelson for her input and recommendations. Z. Damon reminded the commissioners to please fell free to contact him via email, text or calls anytime.

OLD BUSINESS

APS Draft Resolution

Z. Damon discussed the APS Resolution K. Mozak moved to approve the draft as written and send to City Council, seconded by A. Gossage. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Approved as presented

22-0373 CODI APS Resolution

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council
due back on 3/7/2022**

SnowBuddy Update

SnowBuddy was covered during Partners in Access.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Resolution

Z. Damon discussed the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act Resolution and how the disability community quality of life is impacted and the urgent need to send the Resolution to City Council. Z. Damon made a motion to approve as written, seconded by L. Keeler. Motion carried on a voice vote.

22-0374 CODI Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act Resolution

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 3/7/2022

Policy Agenda Items

D. Jeanes will send commissioners information regarding the Policy Agenda Items for discussion at next month's meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were brought before the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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