

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

3:15 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council  
Chambers

**Disability Issues, Commission on**

**I ROLL CALL**

*S. Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm in Council Chambers.*

**Present** 13 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Alison Stroud, VACANT POSITION 1, Nikolas Koscielniak, Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, Rebecca Benedict, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Matthew Solomon , VACANT POSITION 2, and Rachel Hawkins

**II APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*K. Westphal moved to approve the agenda, seconded by L. Keeler. All approved on a voice vote.*

**III APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17 MEETING MINUTES**

*R. Benedict made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by N. Koscielniak. A few changes were made to the minutes.*

*All approved as amended on a voice vote.*

**IV PRESENTATIONS**

1. KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

2. SOPHIE SKOCHELAK; NFT; IL SPECIALIST, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

**V PUBLIC COMMENT - LIMITED TO 8 MINUTES**

**VI OLD BUSINESS**

**a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - HEATHER KOCH**

*We will be discussing the commission roster at the next meeting.*

**b CHAIR REPORT - SALLY HART PETERSEN**

*S. Petersen would like to propose that all of the remaining commission meetings will start at 4:00 pm, instead of 3:15 pm. The meetings will not go later than 6:00 pm. All approved on a voice vote. The March 21, 2018,*

*meeting will begin at 4:00 pm.*

*S. Petersen also discussed the current membership provision in the commission's bylaws. M. Solomon suggested that the commission focus on recruiting, instead of bylaws. He has offered to work with L. Keeler on this effort.*

**c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - REBECCA BENEDICT**

*The next community engagement committee meeting will be at 6:00 pm, location TBD.*

**d ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon gave an update on the next episode of Ann Arbor Inclusive.*

**e PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALISON STROUD**

*The Partners in Access committee did not meet on February 14. A. Stroud gave an update of the Snow Buddies program, and the status of the micro-grant that is in the negotiation process with City Staff. Snow Buddies is a snow removal program in Ann Arbor that assists with snow removal for people who have disabilities.*

*A. Stroud also discussed updates from DDA and shared the topics of upcoming Public Meetings. The DDA will be present at the April commission meeting to discuss projects.*

*The next PIA meeting is on March 14 at 5:15pm in the First Floor Conference Room - South.*

**f RECRUITMENT ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*The commission has another new commissioner, Rachel Hawkins. Her application was accepted at the February 20, 2018, City Council Meeting.*

*Anyone who is interested in joining the commission can contact the Mayor's office to learn more about applying.*

*The commission discussed the current application process, and requirements for being a commissioner on a City of Ann Arbor commission. The commission might discuss membership requirements with Chris Frost in the Attorney's Office.*

**g TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL**

*There was a transportation commission meeting last Wednesday. T. Hull gave an update on the issues that the commission is working on.*

**h U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES - KATHLEEN MOZAK-BETTS**

*K. Mozak-Betts has not received the meeting minutes from this meeting yet. She will share an update at the next meeting.*

**VII ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Z. Damon gave a correction to the interview guest on the Ann Arbor Inclusive show.*

*T. Hull did some research on snow removal, and gave an update on who shares responsibility for snow removal in the City.*

**VIII NEW BUSINESS**

**a BYLAWS COMMITTEE FORMATION**

*The commission discussed this earlier in the meeting, and it was decided that the focus would remain on recruitment efforts.*

*S. Petersen encouraged the commission to take a look at the bylaws and bring any concerns or ideas to the next commission meeting.*

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

*S. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.*

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