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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

I CALL TO ORDER

Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was not approved.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes was not approved.

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V SPECIAL PRESENTATION**DETROIT DISABILITY POWER; RAMI ALVEREZ; COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AND GUEST PAM McGUINITY AND MARJORIE HERBERT**

Jeffrey Nolish; Detroit Disability Power; Policy Director, replaced Rami Alvarez; Community Organizer as presenter. He discussed prioritizing people with disability for Covid-19 vaccination and how extending their voice to four surrounding counties has made a difference in Michigan.

LISA BRUSH; CEO & FOUNDER, THE STEWARDSHIP NETWORK; SNOWBUDDY, PRESIDENT

Lisa Brush; President of SnowBuddy and Matthew Naud gave a presentation on snow removal models and the community connection with Snow Angels. SnowBuddy is working with the Center for Independent Living on walk-ability in Ann Arbor. L. Brush concluded with SnowBuddy recommendations to present to City Council as a city wide solution.

a KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

K. Monkiewicz gave an update; all library are open for contact-less pickups. Programs on aadl.tv; story time, books and crafts. Essential task on line is available to support the disability community. Upcoming album discussion; What's Going On by Marvin Gaye. Bright Night Community Forum; working through Covid-19, Tuesday, March 23rd from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. How to make a business plan on Wednesday, March 24th. For information on the events that are taking place at the Llibrary, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

b ALEX GOSSAGE; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

A. Gossage gave an update on how Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living can help with resources for Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>.

VI PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Ryan Hughes - AAATA Letter

VII OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

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

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave the chair report. He discussed working with the Detroit Disability Power on their campaign to prioritize COVID-19 vaccinations for the disability community in Detroit.

He also discussed the City of Ann Arbor's Parks & Recreation Services Area ask the Commission on Disability to be involved in their ADA compliance assessment and transition plan to make parks more accessible and inclusive.

1 DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon discussed creating components to put in place for commissioners who are unable to meet at City Hall in the future, have digital accessibility resources to join remotely.

c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - RACHEL HAWKINS

R. Hawkins announced Ann Arbor Inclusive has a new show coming Friday, March 19th at 4:30 p.m., on CTN, channel 16. T. Hoatlin added the topic for this months show is Inclusion, providing a three minute video on the topic. The guest will be the Center for Independent Living.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE

A. Gossage talked about having further discussion related to various bills surrounding snow shoveling and sidewalks. A. Gossage and CM Nelson met again with City Administrator Tom Crawford about Audible Pedestrian Signals, how to make changes and individual request for Audible Pedestrian Signals at particular crossing. Also discussed was how to share information with the community in a broader way. A survey was suggested for the community will be really helpful. Please feel free to join Partners in Access meetings the second Wednesday of each month.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

No Recruiting update to report.

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.*
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- 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.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission. Last month the commission discussed snow removal as their main topic. At

March meeting they plan to discuss construction and resurfacing this year. Also, AAATA will discuss service restoration plan.

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

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council of Disability Concerns. The discussion focused on medical ergonomics as a pathway to access and accommodations. The Council has a job opening for a Student Administrative Assistant, if interested contact U of M job posting website. A pilot project is starting at LSA with two staff positions; Access Navigators and resource bank & equipment/processing data. The Council heard a presentation from Rami Alvarez from Detroit Disability Power, on prioritizing COVID-19 vaccinations for the disability community.

VIII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were brought before the commission.

IX NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ON AAATA

Z. Damon asked Commissioner T. Hull to take-up the AAATA/electric scooter item with the Transportation Commission.

a ANN ARBOR PARKS & RECREATION ADA STUDY - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon announced Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation is in the process of creating a selection Committee to select a consultant to work with their compliance assessment and transition plan.

b DDA PROJECTS & COORDINATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon announced the DDA Project in coordination with the Commission on Disability Issues to improve streets and sidewalks downtown.

c MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM APRIL

The commission will plan to meet via Zoom in April, adding a new criteria effective April 1, 2021.

X ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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