



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, May 15, 2024

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Z. Damon called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rosanita Ratcliff, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, and Lorraine Buis
- Absent** 5 - Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Sam Ankenbauer

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

No public comment was brought before the commission

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Ratcliff, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-0759](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - April 17, 2024

A motion was made by Ratcliff, seconded by Keeler, that the

Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/20/2024. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CHEIF OF POLICE INTRODUCTION - ANDRE ANDERSON

Chair Damon introduced the new City of Ann Arbor Chief of Police to the commission. Chief Anderson provided the commission with a brief introduction of himself and included his background in law enforcement.

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - JACKIE BEST

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) - ANDREA HENRY

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

PARTNERS IN ACCESS - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the sub-committee did meet last week and continued discussing the idea for the commission to create a list of community businesses accessibility features. The sub-committee also discussed concerns related to accessibility parking issues. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair Keeler for more information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins was not present to provide an update.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the commission currently has no vacancies to fill. Recruitment for the Commission has been steady recently.

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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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 - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission discussed various budget related issues and received an update on how crash data is being collected. Transportation Commission is reviewing different ways to collect crash data. More information and details to come. Vice-Chair Keeler shared that there were no additional updates from last month. The Transportation Commission also discussed street resurfacing projects and speed reduction. More information and details to come. The Transportation Commission is meeting tonight at 7:00pm and the meeting will be live on CTN.

U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - MATTHEW SOLOMON

Commissioner Solomon reported that the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting was canceled. No updates were provided to the commission at this time.

ORGANIZATIONAL EQUITY - TRACY BYRD

Tracy Byrd shared the April 2024 Accessibility Office Report. Tracy Byrd also discussed the Accessibility Office Strategic Plan.

[24-0947](#) April 2024 Accessibility Office Report

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reported that there is no city personnel report or updates at this time.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon reported that commission will be participating in the 2024 Visions Fair. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. All are welcomed to attend. The commission discussed different materials and handouts to include at their table at the event. More information and details to come. Chair Damon encouraged commissioners to attend the 34th ADA Celebration. The event will take place on Friday, July 26, 2024. All are welcomed to attend.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin was not present to provide an update. Chair Damon reported that Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared City Council is discussing different ideas of how the funds left over in the budget will be used. More details and information to come. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that July is disability pride month. The disability caravan is going to be in Ann Arbor during the last week of pride month; July 29, 2024 to August 2, 2024. All are welcomed to attend. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared that City Council is working on policies around snow management. Current recommendations are being reviewed. In addition, Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin stated that Ann Arbor Housing Commission is working to create an affordable housing list for the City of Ann Arbor. More information and details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Ratcliff discussed that the Rights and Duties of Tenants handbook for renters within the city, does not include disability accommodations. Commissioner Ratcliff requested that the commission provide suggestions to include for the next print off of the tenants handbook. The commission discussed options to include in the handbook and additional resources to provide. More information and details to come.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mozak the meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

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