

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present all participating remotely from Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Present 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Elizabeth Nelson, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

Absent 2 - Debra Poster, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0512](#) CODI February Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by M. Solomon, seconded by K. Mozak that Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/17/21. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

[21-0740](#) CODI March Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by M. Solomon, seconded by K. Mozak, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/17/2021. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

MICHAEL COX; ANN ARBOR POLICE CHIEF

Ann Arbor Police Chief Michael Cox discussed his plans for Community Policing as a positive way to address issues in the City. The Chief answered questions and comments from the commissioners and committed to use the commission as a resource for his department.

KATIE MONKIEWICZ; WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

K. Monkiewicz gave an update; all libraries are open for contact-less pickups by appointment. Essential task online is available to support the disability community. Virtual programming coming up; Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 6-7 p.m., a book discussion; Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literacy Imagination by Toni Morrison. May is Arthritis and Osteoporosis month. Two presentations by United States Bone and Joint Initiative May 5, 2021, from 7-8 p.m. and May 19, 2021 from 7-8 p.m. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

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

A. Gossage gave an update on the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. Review the updated CIL homepage. The CIL will host a pop-up, drive-through Covid-19 vaccination happening Friday, April 23, 2021 at 2:30 p.m., at 555 Connor St. in Ypsilanti. Open to anybody over the age of 19 who lives and works in Washtenaw County, with emphasis on reaching out to the disability community. 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

R. Hawkins gave an update on May's upcoming show with guest, the Angel Network. Future shows will be with Washtenaw School District to talk about visually impaired and blind children difficulties learning on zoom.

PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE

A. Gossage talked about the lack of access to handicap parking downtown due to construction. The committee will discuss this issue with the DDA and report back to the commission. The committee will continue to look at survey options to share with the community to get their

feedback.

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.*
- 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. Last months the commission had two meetings; Healthy Streets plan for 2021, final plan in June. And a presentation by AAATA discussing their service restoration plan. The commission discuss the City Transportation Plan and City feedback. The Planning and Transportation commissions approved the plan in a joint meeting.

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

No U of M Council update to report.

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 parking difficulty in different areas in the city. He plans to reach out to the DDA to inquire about handicap parking downtown and work with Partners in Access to

address adequate parking throughout Ann Arbor.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were brought before the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

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