

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

**4:00 PM**

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

**Commission on Disability Issues**

**I ROLL CALL**

*S. Petersen called the meeting to order at 4:07pm*

**Present** 8 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

**Absent** 4 - Nikolas Koscielniak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, and Kristen Harrison

**II APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*T. Hull moved to approve the agenda, seconded by K. Mozak-Betts.*

*All approved on a voice vote. Platform under Amtrak station will be added under new business.*

**III APPROVAL OF MAY 15 MEETING MINUTES**

*L. Keeler moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by D. Poster.*

*All approved on a voice vote.*

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

*For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>*

**b SOPHIE SKOCHELAK; NFT, IL SPECIALIST, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

*Alex Gossage from the CIL provided an update in the place of Sophie Skochelak and will be providing updates going forward. For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>*

**V PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO EIGHT MINUTES**

*Anna Dusbiber from the Ann Arbor CIL introduced herself to the commission.*

**VI OLD BUSINESS****a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS**

*No report at this time.*

**b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon announced that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic will occur on September 14th, with the deadline to register being August 26th. Also announced was the need for a new Partners in Access chair and a new commissioner to fill the open seat on the commission. Finally, congratulations were extended to K. Mozak-Betts, T. Hull and L. Keeler on their reappointment as commissioners.*

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

*R. Hawkins was not present, Z. Damon discussed in her place. No update was available regarding the Community Engagement Committee.*

*Ann Arbor Inclusive will be having two back-to-back tapings on June 25th regarding the Kresge Hearing Institute and ChadTough Foundation. The next scheduled tapings following these will be August 21st.*

**d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE**

*As the chair of the Partner in Access subcommittee is open, Z. Damon invited present members of the commission currently participating on the Partners in Access subcommittee to let him know if they might have an interest in taking up leadership. S. Petersen provided an overview of the work the PIA subcommittee does and highlighted the importance of its work towards accessibility for the City.*

**e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activities for the commission. He will be reviewing applications received for the newly opened seat on the commission over the summer.*

*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>*

*Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on sub-committees such as Partners in Access and Community Engagement.*

**f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL**

*T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission. Discussed at the commission was the Six E report, a vote on road diets which recommended the diets presented by staff, the crosswalk law and other capital improvement projects.*

*D. Poster also brought up the announced cuts to the AATA. T. Hull noted that the final budget had not been approved yet and still could be amended before the actions are finalized.*

*T. Hull also discussed the recent RTA Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and the recommendations he provided to the committee.*

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

*K. Mozak-Betts provided a report on the two recent meetings for the U of M Council for Disability Concerns. Discussed at the May 14th meeting were concerns for the Investing in Mobility Month event in October and a vote that will be held regarding that as well as a presentation from Sam Lou regarding portal entry accessible doors.*

*The second meeting was a networking meeting. The Neubacher Award was discussed at the meeting, with nominations open until June 22nd, as well as a dialogue on costs to making existing new spaces more accessible vs. making spaces accessible from the onset. The next meeting for the UM Council for Disability Concerns will be occurring on July 9th.*

**VII ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*L. Keeler announced a sidewalk project, brought to the PIA, on the northside of Federal to connect the sidewalk on Commerce with Stadium has been completed and thanked the City for the work they have done.*

**VIII NEW BUSINESS**

*K. Mozak-Betts brought up concerns regarding the elevated Amtrak station platform and hardware updates that are not being completed. She*

*opened a discussion on responsibility to get these updates completed and how to get these concerns addressed. Z. Damon will be reaching out the designer, Gary Talbot, to determine who the owner of the platform is and follow-up with the commission.*

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.*