



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, June 15, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, and Elizabeth Nelson

**Absent** 4 - Debra Poster, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*This agenda item was not considered because the meeting lacked a quorum.*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*No public comment was brought before the commission.*

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

*Jesus Lardizabel from Altura Solutions gave a presentation on the ADA requirements for their transition plan to achieve program access. Their first meeting will be on July 14, 2022 (virtual), asked CODI commissioners to help get the word out. Adam Fercho discussed Parks*

*and Recreations Open Space Plan.*

**Altura Solution: Assessment for ADA Standards in Ann Arbor Parks, presented by;  
Aileen Dryden and Jesus Lardizabal**

**WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE  
MONKIEWICZ**

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

**ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - JOYCE BLAIR**

*For information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please  
visit their website at <http://www.annarborcil.org/>*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - ALEX GOSSAGE & RACHEL  
HAWKINS**

*L. Keeler gave an update on the PIA. The June meeting was cancelled to  
attend the Visions Conference at the Ann Arbor District Library.  
R. Hawkins announced new episode of Ann Arbor Inclusive premiering  
Friday, June 17th at 4:30 p.m. Their guest will be Michigan Bureau of  
Services for Blind Persons, also available on YouTube channel the  
same day.*

**RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*L. Keeler gave a report on recruiting. This summer he will work on filling  
the vacancies by September.*

*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](http://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**

*No Report.*

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

*K. Mozak gave an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. There next meeting will be July 12, 2022 at noon. This month's guest speaker was Ashley Albright the Housing Accommodations Coordinator with University of Michigan. They discussed her role in the office. How students can request accommodations, what to expect from their request and the common categories; mobility related, auditory visual and environmental. Also, help with Para-transit services and Michigan's bus system.*

#### **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES**

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

#### **CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon gave the chair report. Encouraged commissioners to join the James Neubacher Award Committee. And extended an invitation to attend the Center for Independent Living ADA 32nd Celebration on Thursday, July 21st from 3 until 6 p.m., Huron Pavilion, Sterling State Park. Z. Damon discussed the late notification for the Universal Access Park and how CODI needs to be included in the City's communications.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Z. Damon discussed the commission is waiting on a confirmation for the new transportation commission liaison. Until the position is confirmed Vice Chair L. Keeler will attend the meetings.*  
*M. Solomon discussed an ADA coordinator for the City of Ann Arbor and how does this position move forward? K. Mozak suggested the ADA coordinator be a part of the new DEI initiative. CM E. Nelson suggest a Resolution to address all the issues facing the commission and will email*

*City Administrator's office to schedule a meeting. Z. Damon will draft a letter for the City's communications department to address CODI recruitment challenges through social media.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*No new business.*

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

*CM E. Nelson discussed the City's notification list and how new list are being created for each event with no access to the information. And how anything related to disability should be communicated to CODI.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.*

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