

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

3:15 PM

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

Disability Issues, Commission on

I **ROLL CALL**

- Present** 11 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Alison Stroud, VACANT POSITION 1, VACANT POSITION 2, Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, Rebecca Benedict, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, and VACANT POSITION 3
- Absent** 2 - Patti Smith, and Albert Blixt

II **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

L. Keeler moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by A. Stroud. All approved the agenda on a voice vote.

III **APPROVAL OF JUNE 21 MEETING MINUTES**

R. Benedict moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by K. Westphal. All approved the minutes on a voice vote.

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Approved as presented

IV **PRESENTATIONS**

a **IRA LAX, WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

Please visit the Library's website, wlbpd.aadl.org, for additional information and upcoming events at the Library.

Ira would also like to remind everyone that large print books and recorded books available at the Library.

b **CAROLYN GRAWI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO, ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Please visit www.annarborCIL.org for a list of upcoming events happening at the Center for Independent Living. All questions should be directed to info@aacil.org.

Carolyn spoke about the success and excitement of the grand opening of the Rotary Centennial Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park that took place on September 17, 2017.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO 8 MINUTES**VI OLD BUSINESS****a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - HEATHER KOCH**

H. Koch gave a brief summary of the role of the new Boards and Commissions Coordinator in the City Clerk's office.

b CHAIR REPORT - SALLY HART PETERSEN, CHAIR

S. Petersen spoke about the Universal Access Playground grand opening. The commission encourages everyone to check out this great park!

Al Blixt has resigned from the commission due to additional work obligations. He was the chair of the Community Engagement Committee, so S. Petersen started the discussion about the future of the Community Engagement Committee. A concern about attendance at these meeting was discussed, as it seemed that there was very little attendance at each meeting. The commission discussed ways to keep the Community Engagement Committee going, bringing up the possibility of the meeting taking place on a quarterly basis.

S. Petersen requested that the Community Engagement Committee meeting be cancelled for this month, but to keep the meeting in October for now. R. Benedict offered to take over as the chair of the sub-committee.

c ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon mentioned that Angela Dibley, of the Dibley Foundation, and her daughter were the guests of the most recent episode.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALISON STROUD

The PIA met with the present manager of the DDA during July to go over the concerns regarding the new parking meter kiosks and to talk about what the DDA's approach is with accessible parking meters, and how they are currently being enforced. The DDA might work on adding the accessible parking spaces to the interactive parking map. Information pages and webpage links will be sent to A. Stroud, and it should be added to the Disability Commission resource page. S. Petersen suggested

inviting the DDA manager to a commission meeting to explain more about this. There is a new ePark app that is available through the app store by searching "City of Ann Arbor Parking".

A. Stroud and R. Benedict have been working on a project that involves traffic around the Football Stadium, and the accessibility issues that surround this location. R. Benedict explained that after attending a football game this season, she has noticed improvements that have been made.

The PIA has met with the Snowbuddies group twice this summer. They have been discussing ways to collaborate with City staff to create a model of how snow removal should work. There is a meeting on October 5 at 9:00 am in the First Floor South Conference Room, that will include City staff and a few commissioners. Commissioners should contact A. Stroud if interested in attending this meeting.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Currently there are four vacant positions on the commission.

If anyone is interested in applying, please visit the Mayor's Office, or go to the Disability webpage.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull discussed the latest issues that the Transportation Commission has been working on.

K. Westphal gave an update on the Pedestrian Crosswalk Ordinance and the discussions that City Council has had regarding the ordinance.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

a U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

K. Mozak-Betts gave an update of the U of M Council for Disability Concerns. One of the main focus points has been the lack of centralized accessibility resources and accommodations for University Faculty and Staff, although there are many resources available for students. She also discussed the current issues surrounding the Health Care Reform Act and the effects that it might possibly have on the ADA.

VIII **NEW BUSINESS**

K. Westpal announced that on November 13 there will be a joint working session between City Council and the DDA on the subject of parking. He also explained that affordable housing is being discussed by many boards and commissions currently. There is a severe problem with housing affordability in the City, and this issue is being discussed within many commissions and in City Council.

IX **ADJOURNMENT**

S. Petersen adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

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