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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

4:00 PM

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Commission on Disability Issues

I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Christiana Allen-Pipkin

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0242](#) CODI January Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by K. Mozak, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 3/15/2021. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

V SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

TERESA M. GILLOTTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

Executive Director Gillotti gave a presentation about the Washtenaw County Affordable Housing Dashboard.

Commissioners asked questions, and gave feedback. Ms. Gillotti was invited back to present any updates in the future.

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

K. Monkiewicz discussed upcoming events and a reminder all locations are open. New shelf services are available. Winter Games are now through March 12, 2021. Enjoy read and do and scavenger hunts. Essential task, need to go on line call 734-327-4200. Quote of the Day for Black History Month, watch questions come to life, and use staff to

make powerful words pretty. Recipe share will discuss deserts on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org>.

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

A. Gossage discussed Safe Connections a program to learn about healthy choices, it's a 10 week group to address positive and safe relationships for people with disabilities. R.S.V.P. by March 11, 2021. Virtual Art Program, Wednesday's from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. Trivia Tuesday's from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Virtual Movie Club, Friday's at 3:00 p.m. Advocacy/Self Advocacy discuss accessible pedestrian signals and snow shoveling. For more information on the events that are taking place with the CIL, please visit their website at <http://annarborcil.org>.

VI PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

VII OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES

No personnel report given.

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon gave the chair report. He talked about CODI's collaboration to support Detroit Disability Power, in an effort with their Covid-19 Pandemic campaign to provide adequate vaccinations for people with disabilities. The commission signed on to this campaign and sent letters to the Governor, Mayor of Detroit and other state health care officials. Z. Damon will provide commissioners with a link to send their individual support for this cause.

1 WHITE CANE CROSSWALK LAW - ALEX GOSSAGE

A. Gossage discussed the recommendation the Transportation Commission requested CODI to review on the White Cane Law. The commission stated no amendment is needed. The Resolution is good as written, there are no issues, just a formality change in the law does not affect us. The commission voted to send the recommendation back to the Transportation Commission as written.

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

Unaudible.

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - LARRY KEELER

A. Gossage discussed the need for pedestrian signals near people home, work and areas they might frequent. A. Gossage and CM Nelson met with City Administrator Tom Crawford to discuss applying for pedestrian signal installation. The committee is interested in trying something more systematic so we don't have to wait on individuals to make request, while gathering more information from the public.

e 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>

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- 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.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission. Discussed last month policy agenda. The Transportation Commission want to establish a healthy street committee, to review municipal sidewalks and snow removal. Discuss transit oriented zoning involving personal mobility ordinance that have to do with scooters, are topics on their agenda.

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

K. Mozak talked about the council's Covid-19 vaccine update. The request from Detroit Disability Power to send letters to local government demanding support for people with disabilities be prioritized. The council would like to know if you experience access issues while at U of M Covid-19 sites, if so, please share your concerns with Daniel Rabosky at U of M he's collecting information to better advocate for those sites. The council reviewed their December and January comments and created three goals for guidance. There was a presentation from Michigan Daily Standard sharing their writings and articles, K. Mozak will send a link to the readings. The Disability Day of Mourning will take place on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

VIII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were presented before the commission.

IX NEW BUSINESS

a CfDC INVITATION TO ADVISORY GROUP - KATHLEEN MOZAK

Commissioner K. Mozak has agreed to continue as CfDC liaison and represent CODI on the Council Advisory Group.

b DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY - ZACH DAMON

Z. Damon ask commissioners to think about ideas and talking points around digital accessibility. Send all ideas to Chair Z. Damon to discuss at March meeting.

c SNOWBUDDY REPORT - KATHLEEN MOZAK

The commissioners asked Partners in Access to review the SnowBuddy Report, come back to the commission with a response to discuss at next months meeting.

d MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM MARCH

Z. Damon announced CODI's March meeting will take place on Zoom.

X ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

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