



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, January 19, 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 all participants from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, MI.

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

Absent 2 - Matthew Solomon , and Kinsey Button

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-0033](#) CODI DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by L. Keeler, seconded by K. Mozak that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 02/14/2022. On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ*Events:**Call for Artists*

The Ann Arbor District Library is seeking visual artists for exhibition on the gallery screen in the lobby at the Downtown Library. Established artists offering the non-exclusive licensing of existing works and emerging artists proposing the creation of new works are both invited to apply. Washtenaw Reads 2022 Events Thursday, February 17, 4-5:30pm Online Author Event | Judith Heumann with Kristen Joiner:

Being Heuman AADL is proud to welcome Judith Heumann and Kristen Joiner for an online author event to discuss her memoir, Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist. For information on events that are taking place at the Library please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

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

A. Gossage highlighted new activities taking place at the Center for Independent Living. In February there will be virtual cooking classes "Tasty Tuesday's" from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. Starting February 8th, 22nd, March 8th, 22nd and April 5th. Learn new receipts and connect with friends in the community. For the second year CIL will have a Disability Film Festival. There is a call for submissions. The Nothing About Us Without Us returns. This spring in addition to screening films and documentaries about inclusion. This year featuring short films created by local community members in partnership with Disability Network of Southwest Michigan. Submissions are due by February 20, 2022. The festival begins April 19th through 21st. CIL will continue long time activities; Virtual movie club; Thursday's from 4:00 until 5:00 pm featuring Never Ending Story. Virtual Art Sessions; Tuesday's from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. guided sessions focus on drawing in January. Open Studio on Thursday's from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. 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

Z. Damon announced the January show is a rerun they are presently working on booking guest for February and March.

PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE

A. Gossage discussed PIA is focus on the APS draft Resolution by CM E. Nelson to bring before CODI to discuss and get your feedback. Then ask for City Council approval. L. Keeler want the community to have a straight path to where they can go for APS signal services.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler will plan to meet with Chair and MC E. Nelson to review the new applicants to CODI and report back at February's meeting.

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.

New Applicant

CODI has received two new applications for the commission.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull provided an update on the Transportation Commission. December's discussion was about the East Medical Center Drive bridge and U of M wants to widen the lanes of it. There is community push back, they are not agreeing with their configurations. There were other presentations and a discussion of the Annual Report. What to do with American Rescue Program Funds? Tribute to a commissioner who passed away, Linda Diane Felt, former Chair. This months discussion is on the Policy Agenda and what they want to push for on the state level and discuss taking over some roads from MDOT. T. Hull is not planning to apply for reappointment in May and encourages any commissioners interested in replacing him as Transportation Liaison please notify him or

the Chair.

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

K. Mozak provided an update on the Council on Disability Concerns. A new chair has been announced Pam McGinty. They have not settled on a single chair position, still talk about a co-chair in the future. They plan to focus on avocation work for the next year, looking to improve parking availability on campus, year round and snow removal. There is also a focus to ensure individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing be able to get masking accommodations. Plans to continue to support the Neubacher Award winner, Vincent Pinti and to expand the PCA accessibility for students and other U of M members. Continue to collaborate with existing partners and expand to new relationships. Work with Ashley Wiseman to improve mapping disability inclusion, a prototype of searchable database of individual groups related to disability issues.

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 hoped all had an opportunity to observe and reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday this week and continue to preserve that memory moving forward and being inclusive.

OLD BUSINESS

APS Signal

Discussed during Partners In Access.

SnowBuddy Update

Z. Damon will reach out to connect with Assistant City Administrator, John Fournier and the APA Coordinator to discuss accessibility with City Council that includes, looking at different options to help people clear their snow. The city is responsible for accessibility and a contingency plan for accessibility. L. Keeler wants to look at people with disabilities being fined for not removing their snow. T. Hull mentioned the city has discussed the investigation option for funding on citywide snow removal.

Bike Traffic Update

A. Gossage ask commissioners if you have any specific bike traffic concerns, please contact him so the next steps can be determined and clarified. L. Keeler talked about some concerns with drop offs and allowing for accessibility. Z. Damon will check his notes for any previous conversation and forward to PIA.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before the commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were brought before the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

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