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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

3:15 PM

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

Disability Issues, Commission on

I ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, VACANT POSITION 1,
Zachary Damon, Kirk Westphal, Rebecca Benedict,
Timothy Hull, and Kathleen Mozak-Betts

Absent 2 - Patti Smith, and Alison Stroud

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

L. Keeler moved to approve the agenda, seconded by K. Mozak-Betts. All approved on a voice vote.

L. Keeler mentioned that Ira Lax retired from the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, and Katie Monkewicz will be replacing him at the meetings moving forward.

Z. Damon added "Letter of Opposition" to the new business section.

All approved on a voice vote to approve the agenda as amended.

III APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18 MEETING MINUTES

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

S. Petersen would like to thank Ira Lax for working with the commission for so long. He is now retired from the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled.

IV SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**a WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

Katie Monkewicz gave an overview of events happening at the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled.

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

Carolyn Grawi gave an update on recent and upcoming events happening at the Center for Independent Living.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS**VI OLD BUSINESS****a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - HEATHER KOCH****b CHAIR REPORT - SALLY HART PETERSEN**

S. Petersen proposed to move the December meeting to December 13, instead of December 20 due to the holidays. She will send an email to the commission to clarify availability of everyone. K. Westphal wanted the commission to start discussing the start time of each meeting, as 3:15 might be early for some commissioners. L. Keeler proposed to put this topic on the December meeting agenda.

S. Petersen discussed a meeting she had with Dick Carlyle regarding the Best Buddies program in Michigan. She has invited him to be a guest speaker at the January meeting.

c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - REBECCA BENEDICT

R. Benedict discussed the last Community Engagement Meeting.

d ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE

Z. Damon discussed the episode of Ann Arbor Inclusive that featured commissioner R. Benedict.

e PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE

A. Stroud was not present at the meeting. S. Petersen discussed the Snow Buddy Micro-Grant application and gave an update on the work by this group. S. Petersen also announced that two representatives from the Downtown Development Authority will be attending the next Partners in Access Committee Meeting on December 13 at 5:30, to discuss the parking kiosks and accessibility in Ann Arbor.

f RECRUITING ACTIVITY

The commission discussed the current provision of the bylaws that regulates how many commissioners need to disclose a disability in order to be on the commission. The commission discussed potentially changing this requirement to allow for more people who may not have a

disability themselves, but may have a direct family member who has a disability, or someone who works for an organization that helps disabled people.

g TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull discussed the latest issues that the Transportation Commission is working on, including the new Ann Arbor Station. T. Hull mentioned that it is supposed to be a Train Station, but there might be other transit systems included within the area.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. Westphal announced a recent project that involves pedestrian safety.

a U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

K. Mozak-Betts gave an update of the last University of Michigan Council on Disability Concerns meeting.

S. Petersen would like to move this agenda item under "old business".

VIII NEW BUSINESS

Z. Damon drafted a letter of opposition to the HUD HR620. A. Stroud and S. Petersen both made edits, and Z. Damon will update the letter.

IX ADJOURNMENT

S. Petersen adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 pm.

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