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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

4:00 PM

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

Commission on Disability Issues

I ROLL CALL

- Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:00pm
- Present 8 Larry Keeler, Sally Petersen, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, and Elizabeth Nelson
- **Absent** 4 Nikolas Koscielniak, Kathleen Mozak-Betts, Kristen Harrison, and Christiana Allen-Pipkin

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Z. Damon moved to approve the agenda, seconded by S. Petersen. All approved on a voice vote.

III APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING MINUTES

Z. Damon moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by S. Petersen.

September 18 minutes approval to be delayed until next meeting.

IV PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

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

V PUBLIC COMMENTS - LIMITED TO EIGHT MINUTES

No comments were brought before the commission.

VI OLD BUSINESS

a CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - COREY FARRIS

C. Farris announced the hiring of Ann Arbor's new Police Chief, Michael Cox, that occurred during the summer.

b CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

- Z. Damon delivered the chair report. He asked fellow commissioners if they had interest in becoming the new Partners in Access Committee Chair and opened the floor to comments from them. L. Keeler and D. Poster expressed interest in potentially each being chair or co-chair; Z. Damon will be following up with them.
- D. Poster opened a discussion into the current status of the Snow Buddies program. S. Petersen will be following up with the City Adminstrator to get it on his agenda for discussion.
- Z. Damon also announced that the commission has received new applications. He will also be following up with Erica Briggs or Kathy Griswold to present at the November 20th meeting to discuss the HB 4738 crosswalk ordinance. He will be circulating a copy of this ordinance for commissioners to review. Finally, he discussed the Diuble Family Vision Foundation's dinner auction to be occurring this evening.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE/ANN ARBOR INCLUSIVE UPDATE - RACHEL HAWKINS

R. Hawkins gave an update on the next Ann Arbor Inclusive tapings occuring in October and February .

d PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE

No report due to chair vacancy.

e RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

- L. Keeler gave an update on recruiting activities for the commission. He will be following up with Christine in the Mayor's Office to see if any of the current applicants will be accepted.
- M. Solomon also opened a discussion into how the appointment process works for potential commissioners outside the City. E. Nelson will be following up with L. Keeler on reviewing applications received in the past and what their eligibility to joining had been, bringing this information to the November 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 Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on sub-committees such as Partners in Access and Community Engagement.

f TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL

T. Hull gave an update on the Transportation Commission, discussing transit zoning districts, improvements to Barton Drive and parking. He also announced the opening of the Washtenaw and Pittsfield crosswalk. L. Keeler also opened a discussion into driver complaints regarding narrowing of lanes to accommodate bike lanes.

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

K. Mozak-Betts was not present; no update at this time.

VII ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up by the commission. Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.