

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

4:00 PM

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## Commission on Disability Issues

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present all participating from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, MI.**

**Present** 10 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Elizabeth Nelson, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

**Absent** 1 - Christiana Allen-Pipkin

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved as presented**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[21-1576](#) Commission On Disability Issues June Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Z. Damon, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved with changes by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 10/18/21. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**21-1690** September's Public Comment Letter

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Oryanna Diem BSA, RN Director of Nursing/Coronavirus Response Coordinator, Packard Health**

*Oryanna Diem and Rebecca Fleming gave a presentation on their outreach vaccine program where Packard Health will come to the community and vaccinate residents in their homes. They answered questions on COVID-19 and other health concerns.*

**Colin Smith, Services Manager and Adam Fercho, Park Planner for Parks & Recreation, City of Ann Arbor, presentation on Collaboration and ADA Transition Plan**

*Adam Fercho and Colin Smith gave a presentation on the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for a Parks ADA Compliance Assessment and Transition Plan with Altura Solution, LLC.*

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

*The Ann Arbor district library, all locations are open daily from noon until 8:00 p.m. All collections are available for browsing, public seating available. If you have an Ann Arbor district library card you have access to the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal online. The library is bringing back Friday Night AI (Artificial Intelligence) The upcoming event is: Racial Disparities and Legal Enforcement the Promise and Perils of AI on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., via zoom. Also, Culinary Historians; Mexican Early Cookbooks on September 19, 2021 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m., via zoom. For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>*

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

*A. Gossage gave an update on Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. The center is still providing most services virtually, with few face to face meetings occurring. More general information will be provided next month. 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**

*R. Hawkins gave an update on recent events. The August show was focused on Easter Seal's. The event is on Ann Arbor Inclusive YouTube page. In September there will be a discussion with Miss Wheelchair of Michigan, Laura Jackson, premiering September 17, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. on channel 16. There is a new series beginning in October titled; Where Are They Now.*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE**

*A. Gossage reported PIA met over the summer and discussed exploring*

*ways to connect with other commissions, council and groups on a more regular basis. To keep on top of important access and other disability related issues.*

#### **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>*

*This site can also be accessed online via the following path:*

- 1. Go to [a2gov.org](http://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.*

#### **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - TIM HULL**

*T. Hull gave an update on transportation's discussion about Healthy Streets. July presentation on the speed reduction commission. August presentation on advisory bike lanes and the annual crash report. In the upcoming meeting there will be a discussion on snow removal, their report based on the resolution. There will be recommendations from lower town mobility study. AAATA transit is back to normal and RTA - D2A2 services are coming back, but slower due to driver shortage.*

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

*K. Mozak provided an update on the council discussion on Workplace Innovation Staff Experience (WISE) committee recommendations. Afterwards the council created a white paper with their recommendations sent to U of M provost and VP's. The University of Michigan Center for Disability Health & Wellness is hosting a disability symposium on Friday, October 1, 2021. Detroit Disability Power gave a presentation on their upcoming events. Please learn more about disability justice*

*@detroitdisabilitypower.org. September's meeting had a presentation from Work Connection which deals with staff and facility accommodations. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021.*

**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 suggest at October's meeting naming a vice-chair person to the commission. If any other candidate is interested, please contact the chair.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADA Complaint Report**

*For commission review.*

**Public Comment Letter**

*For commission review.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*No announcements were brought before the commission.*

**MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM**

*The Commission will meet via zoom in October.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.*

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