

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

4:00 PM

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## Commission on Disability Issues

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Present** 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Timothy Hull, Matthew Solomon , Rachel Hawkins, Debra Poster, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Kinsey Button

**Absent** 2 - Kathleen Mozak, and Elizabeth Nelson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved with changes**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**21-1817** CODI September Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by M. Solomon, seconded by L. Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 11/15/2021. On a voice vote, Z. Damon declared the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comments were brought before the commission.*

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

*K. Monkiewicz gave an update; the library has new expanded hours: 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily. Most events are still in zoom. Film screening and discussion on the film; Cooked, Survival by Zip Code in partnership with Michigan Community Scholars Program on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. on zoom. Upcoming; Song of Dusk on AADL TV, Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 11:00 until 11:30 a.m. Culinary Historical Event; German American Food Ways, Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. 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 events taking place at Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. Coming up is Virtual Movie Club on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. the movie is Stewart Little. Virtual Art on Tuesday's from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. October's theme is Paper Mache. Open Studio time on Thursday's from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. Trivia Tuesday's from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Safe Connections a collaboration with Safe House has restarted; Safe Talk on Monday's from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m., through November 14, 2021. 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 the current show for October is related to Fisher House of Michigan on YouTube. November's schedule has not been determined.*

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS COMMITTEE - ALEX GOSSAGE**

*A. Gossage discussed October's Partners in Access meeting with L. Keeler and R. Hawkins on how to reach-out to the community, so CODI is better connected with commissions who speak to the needs of people with disabilities when particular issues arise. The committee will plan to review zoom as a option for people with disability and keep the commission posted.*

**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 provided an update on the Transportation Commission. Last month the commission discussed the snow removal report and the lower town mobility study. This week there is a presentation from AAATA on their 2045 long term plan and May Mobility on their autonomous shuttle. Commissioner Hull plans to hand off his seat on the Transportation Commission at the end of the year. K. Button is interested in replacing T. Hull on the commission.*

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

*No report on the U of M Council for Disability. M. Solomon discussed an event taking place at the University of Michigan; Toward an Anti-Ableist Academy; Advancing Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility at U of M. This event runs through October 28, 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 discussed that October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) asked commissioners to spread the word and show support. He will send commissioners more information involving this organization.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **CODI Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Professional Service Agreement (PSA) for a Parks ADA Compliance Assessment and Transition Plan with Altura Solution.**

*Z. Damon summarized the Resolution to Recommend approval of Professional Service Agreement for Altura to commissioners. The commission gave a "No Vote" on the Resolution and found the proposal*

*process problematic. The commission request more supportive documents from Parks and Recreations about how Altura was selected. A motion by D. Poster for time to review the resolution language, seconded by R. Hawkins abstain by A. Gossage and C.A. Pipkin, motion failed. A motion by L. Keeler to table the Resolution until November's meeting, seconded by Debbie Poster, carried on a voice vote.*

- 21-1838** CODI Resolution - Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for a Parks ADA Compliance Assessment and Transition Plan
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**Candidate for Vice Chair**

*Z. Damon asked if any other commissioners are interested in becoming Vice-Chair. L. Keeler is a candidate. The commission will vote at November's meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*No new business was brought before the commission.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*No announcements were brought before the commission.*

**MEETING IN PERSON/ZOOM**

*The commission will meet via Zoom in November.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.*

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