



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, November 16, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Z. Damon called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.*

#### ROLL CALL

*Present all participants from Ann Arbor, MI*

**Present** 7 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, and Alex Gossage

**Absent** 2 - Debra Poster, and Kinsey Button

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved as presented**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**[22-1668](#)** CODI September 2022 Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Damon, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/19/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**[22-1792](#)** CODI October 2022 Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Damon, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/19/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comment was brought before the commission.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS****Laura Orta, Director of Organizational Equity**

*L. Orta introduced herself to the commission and explained her new role as Director of Organizational Equity. Her scope will be internal and external and she plans to make space for everyone while approaching issues with an equitable lens. L. Orta is in the process of writing an open job description for a ADA coordinator position and the budget is in progress to hopefully hire staff by September 2023.*

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

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

**ANN ARBOR CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - JOYCE BLAIR**

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

**PARTNERS IN ACCESS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - ALEX GOSSAGE & RACHEL HAWKINS**

*Partners in Access: A. Gossage reported he and L. Keeler met last week to discuss their concerns with curb cuts that were recently installed and possible remedies that the commission might take. A. Gossage will discuss this issue later in the meeting.*

*Community Engagement: No report at this time.*

**RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER**

*No report, request any new applicant if available.*

*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](https://a2gov.org)
2. Click "Democracy" in the orange banner at the top of the page
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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 - LARRY KEELER**

*L. Keeler provided an update on the Transportation Commission. Last month the commission discussed the debate over Seventh Street and Greenwood whether to amend the project or not. There was an issue of widening the bike lanes and wanted to take further measurements. Also, a update on reducing parking installment buffers and narrowing Hill Street lanes and widening bike paths.*

#### **U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE**

*K. Mozak provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. The council debriefed on October's events, most notably towards the anti-ableist Academy partnered with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. There will be videos on the conferences website soon. The Neubacher award which happens at the beginning of November-Jill Sklar was 2022 winner. Nomination for 2023 are now open. There next meeting is held on December 13th at noon.*

[22-1907](#) CfDC November 2022 Minutes

#### **CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - DENISE JEANES**

*D. Jeanes gave an update on the latest hires and retirement at City Hall.*

#### **CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Z. Damon gave the chair report. The commission is looking for a replacement for K. Mozak on the UofM CfDC, she will continue to remain a commissioner on CODI. Please reach out to the Chair or Denise Jeanes if you are interested. The Disability Policy Seminar will take*

*place March 20-22, 2023 at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel in Washington D.C. Z. Damon will send more information going forward.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion on Neighborhood Crosswalk Design**

*A. Gossage discussed the Neighborhood Crosswalk Design. CM Griggs reached out to Commissioner Gossage concerning the installation of crosswalks. The question; are the crosswalks accessible as they should be? The crosswalks may be compliant with ADA, but are they best practices? The concern lies with the curb cut at Arborview and Leslie, that they do not provide enough information the intersection is directly across the street. Therefore, the commission would like to draft a Resolution to share with City Council to look at best practices when installing curb cuts and other construction work related to ADA. M. Solomon moved that the commission object to the current construction that exist at the intersection of Arborview and Leslie that it is not fully accessible and that it be remediated immediately and submit a Resolution to make changes in the future. Every construction project needs to be vetted by CODI. Seconded by L. Keeler. Motion carried. L. Keeler will report the commission concerns to the Transportation Commission.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

[22-1794](#) CODI 2023 Yearly Meeting Calendar

*Z. Damon discussed the 2023 yearly meeting calendar. Z. Damon moved to approve, seconded by L. Keeler. Motion carried.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Z. Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Keeler. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.*

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