



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, December 21, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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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 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Christiana Allen-Pipkin, Alex Gossage, and Ayesha Ghazi Edwin

Absent 2 - Debra Poster, and Kinsey Button

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-1991](#) CODI November 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Allen-Pipkin, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/23/2023. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was brought before the commission.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

INTRODUCING ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

New Council Liaison; Ayesha Ghazi Edwin gave a brief introduction about herself to the commission.

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: L. Keeler reported on the draft Resolution for CODI best practices. CM A. Ghazi Edwin suggested the commission have a conversation with Laura Orta, Director of Organizational Equity first to help specify best practices. Continue to review and revise the Resolution and add to City Council's agenda on January 23, 2023. L. Keeler moved to table the Resolution until January's meeting, seconded M. Solomon. Motion passed.

Community Engagement: R. Hawkins reported there is no new Ann Arbor Inclusive for November/December. The program recently won the Philo award for their content. They are open to any suggestions, interviews or topics you would like to see. Z. Damon suggested CM A. Ghazi Edwin and a guest.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

L. Keeler has been in contact with a couple of applicants. Will share more information at next months 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> This site can also be accessed online via the following path:

- 1. Go to a2gov.org*
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"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. November- The 2023 meeting calendar passed. The commission is looking for alternative proposals for propulsion batteries and hybrid systems for buses. A resolution passed that is going to City Council requesting more money for APS and curb cuts. The commission will review the new crash report-speed management devices to deflect traffic. Street resurfacing is almost complete. AAATA is discussing increasing some of their routes to later in the evening. December- The commission has a new City Council Liaison Dharma Akmon. The commission will review the work plan for the 7th street construction and crosswalk designs. A new APS has been installed at Huron and Seventh and Jackson Ravino. The annual report was reviewed. K. Mozak suggest the commission review the AAATA propulsion information at TheRide.org.

U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE

M. Solomon provided an update on the Council for Disability Concerns. Christina Klein longtime ADA coordinator is leaving for a position at Duke University. Replacement to be determined. ECRT services is one of the initiatives she spearheaded-this will allow anyone having an event to receive full sign language interpretation for their event in advance. ECRT pilot program will run for two years. Discussion on Ann Arbor's ADA coordinator position, job description, posting and hiring practices.

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 encouraged to participate with "Nothing About Us Without Us" film festival. This festival is disability focus including partners from the Center for Independent Living. These films put in the forefront disability, equity and inclusion. They are accepting submissions now. Z. Damon will update the commission when more information is available.

OLD BUSINESS**Draft CODI Resolution**

CM A. Ghazi Edwin suggest possibly forming a work group for Accessibility/ADA coordinator position. A. Ghazi Edwin plan to meet with Christopher Samp, Director, Office of Disability Affairs, please reach out if any commissioners would like to be involved. Commissioner K. Mozak will participate.

[22-2003](#) CODI Resolution to Ann Arbor City Council

NEW BUSINESS**COMMUNICATIONS****ADJOURNMENT**

Z. Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Keeler. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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