



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, August 25, 2022

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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The City of Madison is holding the Disability Rights Commission meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to [DisabilityRights@cityofmadison.com](mailto:DisabilityRights@cityofmadison.com)

2. **Register for Public Comment:**

- Register to speak at the meeting.
- Register to answer questions.
- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

If you want to speak at this meeting you must register. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

3. **Watch the Meeting:** If you would like to join the meeting as an observer, please visit <https://www.cityofmadison.com/watchmeetings>.

4. **Listen by Phone:**

(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 838 8143 7981

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm, Ringland presiding.

**Present:** 9 - Nikki Conklin; Melissa A. Madole; Joseph A. Frost; Nicki Vander Meulen; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Jane Nemke; Susan G. Balliette; Will J. Ringland and Chan M. Stroman

**Absent:** 1 - Lisa A. Jameson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Balliette, seconded by Vander Meulen, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [62320](#)

Public Comment (September 2022)

There was no public comment.

## DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

## NEW BUSINESS

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [73348](#) DREAM and Disability Cultural Center Presentation  
  
Students from the UW DREAM and Disability Cultural Center talked about their efforts with the University campus.  
  
Motion made by Balliette that the DRC support the infinity group with the DREAM. Seconded by Vander Meulen. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [70658](#) Metro Redesign Discussion/Follow-up  
  
Ringland drafted a letter to the Transportation Committee. The commission went through and made some corrections.  
  
Motion made by Luppino Witzling to approve the corrections and get the letter sent. Seconded by Madole. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [73350](#) Parks Accessibility Project/Update  
  
Jane gave an overview of this project with Parks. The Planning and Development Manager from parks will be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss this topic.  
  
Questions/Topics for Parks:
  - Interest in improving City Maps/websites/signage to include accessible bathrooms, picnic tables, parking, etc.
  - Learning about existing community engagement efforts and how the DRC can support these efforts. In particular for Disabled and BIPOC city residents.
  - Can Parks/The City work with the UW for accessibility at Picnic Point and the Arboretum?
5. [73351](#) Discuss/prioritize vacancies on other City BCC's that could use perspective from DRC.  
  
Attachments: [BCC Vacancies.xlsx](#)  
  
Commission asked for a list of commissions that are currently active and what their focus is. DCR staff will bring some of this information to the next meeting.
6. [65152](#) DRC Subcommittee Report

Jane gave an update about the Accessibility Design Forum they did in July, saying this is just the start. Inclusive Design should be the norm and not the afterthought.

- 7. [62727](#) Future Agenda Items

\* Showcase great success stories of inclusive design/accessibility within the community - for example, the Overture Center.

**REPORTS**

- 8. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council

Council has been off for a month and the next meeting is Tuesday, September 6th. Alder Conklin will bring info about the BCC discussion to Common Council.

- 9. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

Hoyt would like to meet with commissioners to discuss their interests to find future projects, etc.

Commissioners would like a conversation with Metro regarding payment methods.

Thanks to Jane for joining with the Parks accessibility visits.

- 10. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

Trying to collect Nominations currently. Deadline is in November. Focusing on the youth nominations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Madole, seconded by Conklin, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.