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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?*

Thursday, February 24, 2022

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

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- Register to answer questions.
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Webinar ID: 876 0638 3551

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm, Ringland presiding.

Staff: Kristy Kumar and Michaelyn Gibson

Present: 8 - Lisa A. Jameson; Joseph A. Frost; Nicki Vander Meulen; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Jane Earl; Susan G. Balliette; Will J. Ringland and Chan M. Stroman

Absent: 4 - Nikki Conklin; Betty Hicks; Melissa A. Madole and Mikael Snitker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [70110](#) Public Comment (Feb. 2022)

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [70111](#) Disability Rights Services and Metro Process Improvements Presentation and Q&A

Metro came to the commission to discuss resolution planning and process improvement plans. This would include wheelchair and boarding options, the use of bridges, and a feedback process that is in place. Following an incident, the whole program was reviewed. The presentation provided information and the commission was able to ask questions following.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [63938](#) Commissioner Welcome/Introductions

The new commissioners were able to introduce them selves and provide information about why they decided to join. Welcome to Melissa, Lisa, and Nicki V.

4. [62727](#) Future Agenda Items

1. Paratransit - ease/accessibility for rider to present ticket info: this was discussed during the presentation.
2. Covid an Health Equity - Kristy reached out to Public Health and pressed for equitiy review for the group. The commission is concerned that we only get filtered data - how can we get ALL the data?
3. Information and Streeetry - Kristy has a meeting set up with the manager for Streatery Program.
4. Madison West DMV Complaint - Kristy shared the response from West DMV with commission. There were other questions/complaints by the commission regarding the DMV (incline, counter height, button access, COVID protocols)

5. [70112](#) Equitable Hiring Tool Discussion/Review

Tabled until next meeting.

6. [69529](#) Project Planning Tool

Tabled until next meeting.

7. [69490](#) 2022 Retreat Planning

Tentatively scheduled for April/May meeting. Commission would like to know the context they can work within and how they can interact with other city agencies, officers, and commissions. It would also be helpful to know what others are NOT working on that this commission could.

- 8. [70207](#) Disability Rights and Services Specialist Recruitment

Kristy provided a high level overview. More information will come in the near future.

REPORTS

- 9. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council

There was no report from the Common Council.

- 10. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

There was no report from the Department of Civil Rights.

- 11. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

There was no report from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Balliette, seconded by Luppino Witzling, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.