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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, January 27, 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.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to 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).

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Webinar ID: 835 5210 6540

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm

Staff: Kristy Kumar, Norman Davis, Julie Austin

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

Absent: 3 - Betty Hicks; Mikael Snitker and Jane Earl

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [69491](#) Public Comment (Jan. 2022)

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [63938](#) Commissioner Welcome/Introductions

Today we welcomed two new commissioners. A third new member will be joining the commission at the February meeting. Norm Davis, Civil Rights Director, welcomed everyone and Will Ringland, chair, gave a brief overview of commission expectations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [69529](#) Project Planning Tool

Kumar presented a project planning tool. This will hopefully help the commission take ideas and turn them into action. The commission was overall interested in the tool, thinking it could help to prioritize projects/ideas.

4. [69490](#) 2022 Retreat Planning

For the most part everyone was interested in having a retreat/project planning session after all new commissions are in attendance as well as the new Disability Rights Specialist. The commission decided to meet during their regular scheduled meeting time each month for the retreat instead of designating a special meeting time. Kristy will bring a list of retreat items to the next meeting to start planning.

5. [62727](#) Future Agenda Items

Commissioners mentioned the following items: (These will be discussed at a future meeting to prioritize and project plan if needed)

- * Paratransit - ease/ability for rider to present ticket/info
- * COVID - access to vaccines and testing
- * Information about dining on the square and accessibility

REPORTS

6. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council

Alder Conklin received an email notifying her about an accessibility issue at the west side DMV. She requested to have someone come from the DMV to

explain their work with accessibility to their building. Kristy Kumar will follow up with this issue as the former Disability Rights Specialist was working on a solution with DMV.

- 7. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

Kumar reported on the Disability Rights and Services Specialist position. Referred candidates were sent to the next stage, interviews. RESJI is currently working on the Equitable Hiring Tool. There are a few commission members who are interested in learning more about the tool and changes that are being made. Kumar will send it out for review before the next meeting.

- 8. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

Candidates were selected and awards were presented on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

ADJOURNMENT

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