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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, September 22, 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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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm, Nemke presiding.

Staff: Kristy Kumar, Rebecca Hoyt and Julie Austin

Guest Speaker: Ann Freiwald

Present: 8 - Nikki Conklin; Lisa A. Jameson; Melissa A. Madole; Joseph A. Frost; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Jane Nemke; Susan G. Balliette and Chan M. Stroman

Absent: 2 - Nicki Vander Meulen and Will J. Ringland

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [62320](#) Public Comment (October 2022)
There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

2. [73350](#) Parks Accessibility Project/Update

Ann from Parks gave an overview of the Parks masterplanning projects that are currently in the planning process over the next 20-25 years.

The commission can get involved by looking at the Madison Parks website to see what projects are currently ongoing.
3. [73866](#) Lake Monona Waterfront Design Challenge - Update/Opportunities for the Commission

Attachments: [Lake Monona Waterfront Design Challenge.pdf](#)

Commissioners were given an overview of the schedule for the masterplan presentation. Commissioners can attend any meetings they would like to gain information and provide recommendations.
4. [70658](#) Metro Redesign Discussion/Follow-up

The Transportation Commission received the letter from the commission. Commissioners can attend the next meeting to gain information and provide public comment if they'd like. Public Hearing is scheduled to take place in November, but the date will be chosen at the October meeting.

Commissioners would like the links to these future meetings.
5. [65152](#) DRC Subcommittee Report

2023 will be five years since the Downtown Madison Accessibility Report - now we can take another look and see what has changed for the better/worse and what we can do moving forward.
6. [62727](#) Future Agenda Items

* Follow up on street crossings where the crosswalk buttons are not wheelchair accessible. The circuits of how long they cycle are not long enough for busy streets. - Rebecca will reach out to streets and invite them to a meeting.

- 7. [73351](#) Discuss/prioritize vacancies on other City BCC's that could use perspective from DRC.

Attachments: [BCC Vacancies.xlsx](#)

The list of vacancies on other BCC's is still very long. Rebecca will meet with Alder Conklin too see what work is currently being done for this from Common Council. Follow up will be coming at a future meeting.

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REPORTS

- 8. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council
There was no report from the Common Council

- 9. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights
Thank you to Nicki Vander-Meulen who spoke at the Press Conference last week.

Would commissioners like to attend events outside of regularly scheduled meetings? Trainings, community events, etc.

- 10. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission
No update - didn't reach quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Luppino Witzling, seconded by Balliette, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.