

City of Columbia, Missouri

*701 E. Broadway
Columbia, Missouri*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, December 11, 2025

3:00 PM

Regular - Amended

City Hall

Council Chambers

701 East Broadway

Columbia, Missouri

Disabilities Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ann Marie Gortmaker called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

(Jonathan Asher, John Bowders, Hazel Fields, Ken Rice appeared virtually)

Staff Present: Adam Kruse, Krista Shouse-Jones, Cody Moore

No members of the public appeared in person. Three members of the public appeared virtually.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Statement by Chair on Virtual Participation

Ann Marie Gortmaker makes a statement on virtual participation and reminds members to speak in to the microphone.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commission discussed the agenda.

Joseph Facteau made a motion to approve the agenda. Alexis Simmerman seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DRAFT November 13, 2025 Disabilities Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission discussed the November minutes. The number of members present in November listed under "Introductions" says 11 but should be corrected to 12.

Marlee Walz made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Koda Inman-Ahlstrom seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

CoMo to Zero (Vision Zero) CBB Transportation Engineering & Planning Consultants will present on their work for the City

Jessica Allen & Kate Hamel, transit planners with HDR Consultants, appeared virtually and presented to the Commission. The speakers noted that the agenda was incorrect, CBB is assisting the City with a different project. The HDR consultants presented to the commission with data of crashes, death fatalities, locations in the city where these are happening, and measures that are being taken to prevent the crashes.

Cody Moore, Graphic Artist in the City's Communication Division, to talk to the Commission about its plan to move forward with the DawnZ Award

Cody Moore introduced herself to the commission as a staff person who will assist in the graphics and marketing materials for the Dawn Z program to recognize accessibility in businesses. The Commission discussed options for marketing, including possibly a video. Cody Moore believed a

video was possible, it would be other city staff involved. Cody Moore talked about ideas for logos with considerations of wanting it to be recognizable so people who saw it generally understood it. The Commission discussed the program. Ken Rice raised the concern about getting feedback from businesses to ensure its something that businesses have an interest in. The Commission also discussed other marketing ideas including speaking at the Chamber of Commerce if they would allow it, as well as City Source, and possibly newspapers. Cody Moore will continue to work on possible logos for the program and will return with some options.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Update on the proposed pedestrian safety ordinance

The Commission discussed their report to Council which Ken Rice read at the meeting. The Commission noted that the ordinance was tabled by City Council to receive more feedback from other Boards and Commissions and it is likely to come back before Council for a vote in early February.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR) Training with the Columbia Human Rights Commission

Joseph Facticeau discussed this topic and said that the Missouri Commission on Human Rights provides training in Missouri on various topics, including accessibility. Joseph spoke with a Columbia Human Rights Commission member, their Board has an interest in these training events and may wish to collaborate with the Disabilities Commission on it. Joseph believes it may be in the spring and we will find out more in the future.

2026 Draft Speaker Schedule for Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the proposed speaker schedule for the Commission for the 2026 calendar year, including various departments and community members to invite as well as planning of certain commission business such as outreach events, ADA Symposium travel and the Chuck Graham Disability Ambassador awards.

VIII. REPORTS

Future Agenda Items

The Commission discussed inviting the City's Parks and Recreation Department and having Koda Ihnman-Ahlstrom to present about DASA.

Chair

No report.

Staff Report

No report.

MU Chancellor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Ann Marie Gortmaker discussed that the Committee received a presentation from the MU Office of Accessibility and ADA on workplace accommodations.

Safe Streets for All Working Group

No report.

Airport Steering Committee

John Bowders spoke about inviting Mike Parks, Airport Manager, to speak to the Commission in March.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ann Marie Gortmaker commented about the Commission's Annual Report to be discussed at the January meeting.

Koda Ihman-Ahlstrom commented about an adaptive recreation's funny sweater dance party on December 19th. Koda will email the information about the party to Adam Kruse to disseminate to the group. Koda also commented that Mizzou Wheelchair Basketball's final home game is in January.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 8, 2026

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Facteau made a motion to adjourn. Alexis Simmerman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.