

City of Columbia, Missouri

*701 E. Broadway
Columbia, Missouri*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, November 9, 2023

3:00 PM

Regular

City Hall

Council Chambers

701 East Broadway

Columbia, Missouri

Disabilities Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jacque Sample called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

(John Bowders, Kieta Clay, Hazel Fields appeared virtually)

Staff Present: Adam Kruse

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Statement by Chair on Virtual Participation

Jacque Sample makes a statement on virtual participation and reminds participants to keep cameras on.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ann Marie Gortmaker made a motion to approve the agenda. Dawn Zeterberg seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Members of the Commission discussed changing the last sentence in the Sanctuary City for LGBTQ Community to remove "that will go to City Council" and replaced it with "draft".

Jonathan Asher made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ann Marie Gortmaker seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jacque Sample abstained from voting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Speakers Schedule for Disabilities Commission

Commission members reviewed the current proposal for an annual speakers' schedule for the Disabilities Commission. John Bowders proposed some changes for Vision Zero to be added to December, the Airport to be added to March, and Fire Department to be added in June. Jacque Sample proposed adding the Great Plains ADA Center in July.

Commission members discussed adding Amber Cheek, ADA Coordinator for Mizzou, to the schedule. Ann Marie Gortmaker suggested adding the ADA Coordinator from Columbia Public Schools. Cath Dolles suggested including Public Health and Human Services. Another topic members discussed was curb cuts and snow plows. Jacque Sample suggested that the Commission should try to finalize the schedule in December.

Strategic Plan Scheduled Discussions

Commission members discussed incremental reviews of the COMO Access Report which is the Commission's strategic plan, as well as progress reports. The Commission will continue this discussion as to the best method to provide reports on progress for the plan to Council. John Bowders suggested any reports should include annual accomplishments in the area of accessibility. The Commission discussed concerns with collecting data for progress reports.

Accessibility Statement on Council Forms

Adam Kruse provides follow-up on an inquiry from the past meeting about where the subcategories from the "primary impact" and "secondary impact" portion of Council memos. These are subcategories from the Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

The Strategic Plan has a subcategory of "Inclusive and Equitable Community", and the Comprehensive Plan has a subcategory "Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility". These are the subcategories most closely related to accessibility.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Sanctuary City Ordinance for LGBTQ Citizens

Commission members discussed the current status of a proposed resolution. Adam Kruse said that it is his understanding this issues is being discussed by the Human Rights Commission before anything would go in front of City Council. Commission members would like to see a copy of the draft ordinance that was originally proposed by the advocacy group. Commission members also briefly discussed whether this issue was within the scope of their duties under the ordinances as it relates to accessibility. This topic will be included on the agenda for the December meeting.

VII. REPORTS

Chair

Jacque Sample described the Senator Chuck Graham Award presentation for Lydia Olmsted that took place in October. She said that next Tuesday there is a public forum with Transit Consultants at Wabash from 4 to 6 PM. Jacque Sample confirmed with Adam Kruse that there will be elections in December for the various positions on the Commission.

Staff

Adam Kruse discussed that there will be a new member appointed to the Commission at the November 20 City Council meeting.

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Dawn Zeterberg provides an update that this Commission did not meet.

MU Chancellor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Ann Marie Gortmaker stated that there are continuing discussions about the need for a Campus Connector bus. Lee Hensen award was presented in September and winners included the Mizzou Wheelchair Basketball group and Kari McBee for accessible design in fashion.

Vision Zero Working Group

John Bowders says the group is proceeding with a draft proposal for a grant for the I-70 and Hwy 63 Connector area.

X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Cathy Dolles commented on the issue of fast light signals for pedestrians as well as concerns with vehicles failing to yield.

Dawn Zeterber comments that there will be a Danceability Performance event at 5:00 PM on November 18 at Lange Middle School and encourages members to attend.

Patrika Brown comments that she attended the Homecoming Parade and enjoyed the sensory-friendly portion for people to watch the parade.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 14, 2023

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Cathy Dolles made a motion to adjourn. Kieta Clay seconded. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.