**Disability Advisory Commission MEETING MINUTES**

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**ARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

JANUARY 17, 2023

The **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION** convened its meeting at **7:00PM** on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**.

**PRESENT (IN-PERSON)**  Commissioner Elizabeth Priaulx

Commissioner Ann Barbour

Commissioner Suzette Risacher

Commissioner Alexa Mavroidis

Commissioner Bryant Atkins

Commissioner Nicolette Gerald

Commissioner Jennifer DeRosa

**PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)** Commissioner Duncan Barron, participated virtually from Richmond due to adjusting to new job prevented their physical attendance.

**ABSENT** Commissioner Justin Boatner

Commissioner Doris Ray

Commissioner Leonardo Cantos

**STAFF** Courtney Sales

* [*Link to Teams Recording*](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FmYUlZ7C27XM&data=05%7C01%7Ccsales%40arlingtonva.us%7Cd02409717e1d445dc37b08dafe1c40af%7C803548041fdf428e9f5f5091e994cf54%7C0%7C0%7C638101694563728289%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zDeHRAuJLpH%2FgRoEKinbQCVbcdSabVokuwGn6H9OsbU%3D&reserved=0)

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

**Public Comment**

LeRoy Hansen, Audible Cross Signal Safety expressed concerns regarding current improvements made to audible cross signal walk system, Vision Zero. Mr. Hansen solicited help from DAC to advocate removal of “clicks”. Commissioner Bryant requested information and findings related to complaint(s) county received regarding the volume on audible cross signal. Staff liaison will verify process (FOIA) related to DAC’s request related. If not able to obtain information, DAC requested a representative from DES to present the matter to DAC. Recommendation mentioned for DAC to draft a letter with NFB chapter support to Board. DAC draft a letter, consumers want to revisit, regarding Access Board standards.

**Fairfax Electronic Meeting Policy**

Commissioner Bryant Atkins-

Confirmed the policy presented to DAC by the county attorney’s office follows state law that oversees the electronic meetings. Fairfax county is currently under state of emergency order. Arlington county is no longer under state of emergency therefore returned to the current electronics meeting policy. Action item, call your legislators in Richmond to get the bill to make public meetings accessible to citizens.

1. Fairfax County Exception Review Committee:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/sites/landdevelopment/files/assets/documents/pdf/erc/all-virtual-public-meetings-policy-2022.pdf>

1. Fairfax County Planning Commission:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/sites/planningcommission/files/assets/documents/pdf/pc%20electronic%20participation%20policy.pdf>

**Arlington County Board Meeting, Saturday, January 21, 2023, 8:30 am**

Commissioner Ann Barbour solicited commissioners to attend County Board meeting in regarding equity in Arlington County housing policy. To ensure people with disabilities are included. Commissioner Bryant requested county include DAC in phase one of [homeownership study](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Housing/Housing-Arlington/Homeownership-Study) for input and present to DAC. Madam chair and Commissioner Alexa will attend the board for public comment virtually. Commissioner Suzette mentioned county code related to accessible on owner’s property a topic to address.

**Chair’s Report-**

Commissioner Elizabeth attended the commission chairs’ meeting hosted by county Board. During the meeting commission chairs provided suggestions on how to save taxpayers money and commissions’ top priorities. Commissioner Elizabeth raised the following top priorities for DAC, better account of accessible units and need for a county ADA Coordinator. Commissioner Elizabeth solicited commissioners input on topics they would like her to raise at the next chairs’ meeting. Commissioner Suzette requested study on the county’s accessibility of crosswalks control devices and county address the TJ pedestrian bridge, accessible ramp portion is not lit. Commissioner Bryant suggested a walk and roll meeting with a county board member. Madam Chair suggested DAC work with county staff to achieve this goal. Commissioner Bryant requested rehab elevators in Metro stations. Commissioner Ann requested ADA coordinator.

**Liaison Reports**

Site Plan Review Committee- no report

Transit Advisory Commission Accessibility Sub-committee- pending due to staffing.

Housing Commission- no report

WMATA- no report

Vision Zero External Stakeholder Group- no report

Special General Land Use Plan Study for the Melwood Site- no report

**MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES**

Commissioner Jennifer motion to approve October 18, 2022, and November 15, 2022, meeting minutes. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously supported the motion 7-0.

Commissioner Justin Boatner

Commissioner Doris Ray

Commissioner Leonardo Cantos

Meeting adjourned at **8:55pm**.