**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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**ARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Special Meeting Thursday October 19, 2023

The **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION** convened its meeting at 7:16 pm on Thursday October 19, 2023.

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

Commissioner Justin Boatner

Commissioner Doris Ray

Commissioner Karen Audant

Commissioner Suzette Risacher

Commissioner Duncan Barron

**PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)** Commissioner Alexa Mavroidis, participated virtually from home (via Teams) due to personal matter.

Commissioner Leonardo Cantos, participated virtually from home (via Teams) due to personal matter.

**ABSENT**  Commissioner Nicolette Gerald

Commissioner Bryant Atkins

**STAFF** **Courtney Sales**

* [*Link to Teams Recording*](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F8Hnnfp84YQM&data=05%7C01%7Ccsales%40arlingtonva.us%7C7d894502217e4b0cc82108dbd71cd961%7C803548041fdf428e9f5f5091e994cf54%7C0%7C0%7C638340291124026431%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1OHi6q1sUpuf7sqJhY5ZXDUbNk3ZkKTo7JIPW51nqWo%3D&reserved=0)

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

***Public Comment-***

No public Comment

***Board member Matt de Ferranti-***

Board member Matt de Ferranti asked each commissioner their top concern(s). The following was provided, issues regarding Bozman renovation and grand opening event, restrooms located in Bozman lobby, removal of pictural/accessible restroom signage, high intensity white /blue lights, timing on elevators in Bozman, capital improvement for courthouse building, uneven sidewalk conditions resulting in injuries and damage of mobility devices, using red cobblestone on sidewalks not accessible, telephone poles middle of sidewalks, residents parking and placing trash in the middle of sidewalks obstructing path, audible traffic signals (spoken word) not clicking sounds is best practice, traffic buttons need to be accessible, funding for an ADA compliance officer to review, implement/enforce ADA countywide (housing, site reviews), addition of a phone in the courthouse to exit building. DAC recommended a walkthrough of Bozman and county with county board members.

Board member Matt de Ferranti will follow-up with DAC regarding a few of the concerns mentioned (Bozman elevators (timing) and research sidewalk conditions) before his paternity leave December 10th. Board member de Ferranti will aggressively seek to remain as DAC’s liaison to continue the work to address DAC’s concerns. In the interim, board member de Ferranti recommended commissioners complete the [report a problem](https://arlingtonva.qscend.com/311/request/add) form to report issues i.e. sidewalks.

**MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES**

Commissioner Doris moved to defer approval of September 19, 2023, meeting minutes to November 21, 2023, meeting due to staff liaison not providing minutes in a timeframe inadequate for review.

* Commissioner Elizabeth seconded the motion.
* The Commission unanimously supported the motion 8-0.
* Absent: Commissioner Nicolette Gerald and Commissioner Bryant Atkins

Commissioner Elizabeth moved to proceed with Commissioner Doris’ edits to a letter in support of the updated drafted universal checklist on behalf of the commission.

* Commissioner Suzette seconded the motion.
* The Commission unanimously supported the motion 8-0.
* Absent: Commissioner Nicolette Gerald and Commissioner Bryant Atkins

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.