## **Commission on Disabilities**

## Minutes

## June 12, 2025 at 6:30pm Warren City Hall (Atrium Conference Room) One City Square, Warren, Michigan 48093

- 1. Call to Order: Time: 6:30 pm
- 2. Roll Call: John Couture, Karen Keffer, Taylor Johnson, Aron Shutran, Rita Shutran, Also present: Assistant City Attorney Caitlin Murphy and ex-officio Councilwoman Melody Magee
- 3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. As Written: Aron Shutan
  - b. Second: Taylor
- 4. Approval of Date: May 08, 2025
  - a. Tabled until next meeting (Caitlin's PDF was not able to be opened).
- 5. New Business
  - a. Discuss the vision assistance devices for the libraries
    - i. Magellan
    - ii. DaVinci
      - 1. Both are expensive
      - 2. Looking for financial support
      - 3. They will be shared between the city libraries
  - b. Discuss ideas for Disability Awareness Month in October
    - i. Theme for the library
    - ii. Programs/activities for children, teens, and adults
  - iii. Possibly use the display case at the Community Center
    - 1. Talk to David Rent from the Historical and Genealogical Commission
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Update on the Courthouse: The plan, as written, is costly, approximately \$130,000,000
    - i. No updates at this time
    - ii. Commission will reach out to get updates
  - b. Social Worker for the Warren Police Department
    - i. Repeated Domestic Violence Cases
    - ii. Sterling Heights and Westland show a marked decrease in repeated acts of Domestic Violence with a Social Worker on Staff
- 7. Miscellaneous
  - a. Article provided by Rita "Supreme Court Backs Families"

- i. Supreme Court sides with the Minnesota family (against the school district) requesting reasonable accommodation.
- ii. Paves the way for other parents of disabled children to seek damages from schools under federal disability laws
- 8. Audience Participation
  - a. David Metzler
    - i. The Tech Center strip mall is not ADA compliant. There are some curb cuts, but they are not updated with the rubber bumps.
    - ii. There are not enough handicapped parking spots by the Red Olive, Penn Station area.
  - iii. Urges the commission to oversee new businesses to ensure ADA/Wheelchair compliance
- 9. Motion to Adjourn: Rita
  - a. Seconded by Aron
  - b. Time: 6:54 pm