

Commission on Disabilities,
Minutes
March 12, 2026
Mark Twain Room, Library
City Hall, One City Square, Warren, MI

1. Call to Order: Rita Shutran Time: 6:30 pm
2. Roll Call: John Couture, Karen Keffer, Tina Schoenherr, Rita Shutran, Assistant City Attorney Caitlin Murphy
3. Approval of Agenda:
 - A. As Written: John Couture Second: Karen Keffer
 - B. As Amended: Second:
4. Approval of Minutes - February 12, 2026: Postpone
 - A. As Written: Second:
 - B. As Amended: Second:
5. New Business:
 - A. S.A.V.E.S. Project
 - a. Captain Paul Houtos
 - b. Officer Thomas Hogue
 - i. Officer Hogue started the program when he considered the needs of vulnerable people, including his daughter with autism.
 - ii. The police need better ways to work with all people.
 - iii. Project S.A.V.E.S. creates a database to assist with vulnerable people and provides the L.E. Officer with information regarding likes, fears, and information to approach carefully.
 - iv. Each kit contains QR stickers, a picture board for non-verbal people, an all about me page, and two emergency contacts.
 - v. Blue envelope project for transportation also includes window decals. The decal goes on the left rear of the back window.

There is also an envelope to include the All About Me page and their driver's license.

- vi. The plan is to also partner with the fire department in time.
- vii. Other cities involved include Sterling Heights, Warren, Hazel Park, Clawson, West Bloomfield, and the Macomb County Sheriff.
- viii. There will be a presentation on April 2, 2026. It will be in the first-floor conference room at City Hall from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. After the presentation, there will be opportunities to sign up for the program. There will also be information on their Facebook page.

B. Warren City Pool

- a. Changing rooms and entrances to the changing room and to the pool are handicapped accessible, but they are not wheelchair accessible

6. Old Business

A. Update for Employee Training

- a. HR and Court are exploring joint employee ADA training sessions through MDCR.

B. Library Director is open to doing more disability awareness displays.

8. Audience Participation: Audience members spoke about Project S.A.V.E.S., the City's website accessibility, and City's oversight of private businesses and contractors.

9. Motion to Adjourn: Rita Shutran

A. Second: John Couture

B. Time: 7:40 pm