

May 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Vicki Pappas, Katie Herron, John Brady, David Carter, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Barbara McKinney, Lynne Argent, Phil Stafford, Craig Brenner and Linda Crawford.

Minutes and Financial Report: April minutes were accepted as printed. There has been no financial activity in the past month and thus, balance remains at \$5,887.24.

Media: Rachel's article appeared in the *Herald-Times* this month. Leslie Davis' article will also be featured by the *Herald-Times*, though a date has not been established for when it will appear. Businesses receiving a decal for meeting accessibility standards were announced in the "Around the Area" column in the *Herald-Times* as well as in the Chamber's e-letter and also by Ivy Tech.

Guest Presentation: Phil Stafford, director of the Center on Aging and Community, spoke about B-line Trail Initiatives. He addressed the public policy and livability relationship and how this relationship could affect the B-Line Trail's future development. As the trail will continue to develop for the next 10-20 years, it is important to have a development plan for the community in the proximity of the trail for that time period as well. Phil hopes that there will be a third year of funding to continue the study so that accessory housing and other hot topics in neighborhood housing will involve public discussion. Phil encouraged the CCA to look at the next draft of the Growth Policies Plan and see how it applies to accessibility and to be aware of forthcoming ordinances that might affect zoning overlays and building codes.

Reports from the City: There were no reports from the city.

New Concerns: There were no new concerns.

Report from Chair: Katie reported that Cathi Crabtree, Chairperson of the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women, said that there was no opposition to including reference to people with disabilities in their resolution concerning minimum wage. Thus, CCA is listed as supporting this resolution and Cathi will let Katie know when it goes to the City Council.

Katie attended the May 13th meeting of the Commission on Aging. She suggested that if a concern comes up that also has bearing on the work of the Commission on Aging, we should attend the appropriate committee meeting of that commission.

Thinking ahead to the October Annual Awards' meeting, Katie asked Council members to consider Kathie Snow, parent of a child with a disability and author of *Disability Is Natural*, as keynote speaker. Cost would be \$2,000 plus expenses, but perhaps there is another group that might wish to utilize this opportunity for workshops, etc. and share the expense.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported on meeting with Kristin Varella to address accessibility concerns that the Lotus Festival committee has. It was suggested that accessibility to venues be determined along with developing a set of guidelines for setting venues for the Festival. Getting information about accessibility to the venues to the people will need to be addressed. It was suggested that perhaps the *Herald-Times* might run an article on July 26th (ADA anniversary) on how the Lotus Festival is making venues accessible for the event. Providing a map with accessible entrances highlighted would be helpful.

Vicki has talked with Susan and the Activities committee about using the anniversary of ADA to train new volunteers to do assessment of accessibility of five additional businesses. Indiana Legal Services has requested an assessment. In responding to targeted requests, the specific complaint will be assessed, followed by a recommendation for correcting that particular complaint.

In the near future, a letter will be drafted and sent to companies who stripe parking lots, inviting representatives from those companies to meet to discuss proper striping and signage of those lots. Also in the plans is scheduling a meeting with the Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association members to discuss how to expand services for those with visual and other disabilities.

B. Activities and Events Committee: No report at this time.

C. Announcements: No announcements at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford

Secretary