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# July 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Katie Herron, David Carter, Lynne Argent, Susan Russ, Rachel Roby, Craig Brenner, Caitlin Root, Barbara Salisbury, Barbara McKinney, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Suzie Rimstidt, Linda Crawford, and Iris Kiesling.

**Minutes and Financial Report:** June minutes were accepted as printed. Expenses for refreshments for the ADA celebration on July 25<sup>th</sup> were \$78.38, leaving a balance of \$5,808.86.

**Media:** Rachel was interviewed on WFIU and shared some of her poetry. She reported that there is to be a series of programs that feature people with borderline personality disorders sharing their talents of music, poetry, etc.

The ADA celebration last Friday was covered in the *Herald-Times*. The *Ellettsville Journal* will include an article on the New Freedom Transportation Vouchers Program. Yael Ksander will host a WFIU program on touch tours for art appreciation for the visually impaired.

**Guest Presentation:** There was no guest presentation this month.

**Reports from the City:** As a result of the newspaper article on the New Freedom Transportation Vouchers Program, there was a significant increase in use of the vouchers by Garden Villa clients. Hopefully, other agencies will begin to utilize this program.

August 15 at 2:00 pm, the executive director of a volunteer driver program in Indianapolis will share how a volunteer driver program might work in Bloomington. It will be in Building L at IIDC.

**New Concerns:** The accessible doors at Little Zagreb's are locked at the ramp entrance. Inside the restaurant, a table and chairs are placed in front of this door. Barbara McKinney will look into this.

Starbucks West requested to be surveyed; Dr. Connolly will forward this request to Vicki.

There was a question raised about the four-hour accessible parking meter in Dunkirk Square only providing two hours of parking. Another question raised: Is this happening at any of the other parking meters?

**Report from Chair:** Katie reported that David has completed the Governor's Council award application which is due August 15<sup>th</sup>. There was no decision made about the opportunity to share a table with the Commission on Aging at Farmer's Market.

## Committee Reports:

A. Accessibility Committee: David reported that the Indiana Building Commission's Book of Code does not require renovated buildings to conform to the International Building Code.

B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan reported that there was a good turnout of representatives from businesses receiving decals for meeting accessibility standards at the twenty-fourth celebration of ADA on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Those businesses receiving decals included: IU Credit Union, Starbucks South, Farmer and Mechanics Bank, Chic-fil-A, Elm Heights Bloomingsfoods, BT, and Function Brewery. Several had previously received decals.

Deputy Mayor John Whitehart delivered the proclamation and Craig took pictures to be included in the next newsletter. Whereas the middle of the day seemed to be a good time to hold the celebration, the lack of media presence was disappointing.

Continuing with a discussion of places requesting to be surveyed, it was mentioned that the Y Northwest has a few features out of compliance—soap dispensers at the incorrect height, door handles to the locker room that are not graspable, some doorways that are too narrow and light posts that are not placed according to code height. It was suggested that perhaps Jim Gerstbauer should be contacted to see how these oversights occurred.

Iris asked if the new bus terminal and dispatch center would be surveyed.

As there has been no response from the Bloomington Housing Authority to a letter sent concerning lack of correcting the ramp handrails which are too short, Vicki will call them concerning this situation.

Also, the FSSA on College Avenue is inaccessible.

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Discussion of the upcoming Annual Awards Ceremony followed. It is to be held on October 27 with Kathie Snow the proposed keynote speaker. Possible groups to help with sponsoring this event are Insource, Kiwanis, IPASS. Further discussion will ensue at the Activities Committee meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford

Secretary