

City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility

February 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Shelly Hackett, Stacy Carter, Linda Crawford, Jeff Busch, David Carter, Craig Brenner, Elizabeth Hall, Vicki Pappas and Jennifer Robinson.

Introductions: Introductions were made. Byron was absent, so David chaired the meeting.

Media: Disability Awareness materials were distributed by Craig. Others can order the materials by visiting the Governors Planning Council on Disabilities website.

Minutes: No changes on the financial report. Minutes were accepted. Previous minutes were taken by Megan Hutchinson.

Guest Presentations: No guest presentations were given.

Reports from the City: No updates were given at this time. Craig will follow-up with Derek about the signal timeline and agenda and with Deputy Mayor Heslin.

Pending Concerns: Vicki contacted the Great Lakes ADA Department of Justice regarding the possible inaccessible plans of Trulli Flatbread and the FARMbloomington. Trulli Flatbread is planning on opening an upstairs bar and tapas for late night customers. The Farm is possibly planning on opening a downstairs bar area. If the customers travel through the main part of the restaurant to access the areas, the restaurants become out of compliance according to the Department of Justice. Putting a lift in may be a suggestion. Vicki will talk to Trulli Flatbread and Craig will follow-up with Farm.

Activities and Events Committee: Business Expo--Council received communication via Vicki about not getting a seminar on accessibility. Erika, from the Chamber of Commerce, indicated reasons via email as to why the CCA's seminar suggestions were not chosen. The main reasons seemed to indicate the desire for seminars of "high interest" and free or low cost speakers. The Council agreed to resubmit next year based on these recommendations. Craig reported that an upstairs booth in a desirable location will cost around \$400-500. The Council agreed that they didn't want the cheaper downstairs location. Therefore, CCA will not participate with a booth in Business Expo this year. Rather, they will include items about CCA at the City of Bloomington's booth and focus energies on the decal program.

Accessibility Committee: Vicki and Craig will review what businesses currently have the decals. The businesses will be re-evaluated and possibly awarded new decals. The Council would like to focus their energy in the decal program this coming year.

Communications and Operations Committee: The Council's email lists have been updated. Vicki compiled a list of March/April activities for a press release. Send updates to Vicki.

Karst Farm Project: The Kellogg Foundation has provided a grant to install a fully accessible playground at Karst Farm Park. We will invite the committee chairperson, January Jones, to the April meeting.

Arts Access Committee: Meeting scheduled for Feb 29th at 10:30am at the Dunlap Conference Room in City Hall.

Employment Committee: HirePotential is in the process of changing its name. The new name is likely to be DiversityWorks: the South Central Indiana Business Leaders Network. They are organizing March activities, which are included in the press release compiled by Vicki.

Way to Go: Nothing new reported.

Old Business: Next month we will elect new officers and committee chairs. Craig will provide a list of duties and responsibilities. Elizabeth will follow-up with current chairs and officers to see if people continue to be interested.

New Business: Elizabeth encouraged the Council to secure an annual meeting with the mayor or deputy mayor to discuss CCA projects and issues. The Council agreed that it was important to maintain on-going communication with the mayor's office. The months of March or April were suggested as a good time to try to set up this meeting.

Craig announced that the City's slogan for March is "Be Accessible Bloomington."

The Council would like to connect with the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau staff to discuss our decal program and marketing Bloomington as an accessible community.

General Announcements: Council members are requested to look at other people in the community who may want to become members in order to get a diverse representation.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Robinson.