

Council for Community Accessibility

Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2026

The hybrid meeting was opened at 4:00 by Lesley Davis, followed by introductions of those who were present at the meeting.

Members Present:

- Hannah Lencheck, Eric Ost, Shelley Strimaitis, Aren Kugler, Bryan Fyalkowski, Rivkah Roby, Max Seader, Dorothy Lenard, Helen Johnston, Cecily Hu, Karin Willison, Lesley Davis, Josh Wolf, Casey Guarino, Anna Thompson Jones, Deborah Myerson.
- City Staff: Michael Shermis, Annabelle Vosmeier

Minutes

April 2026 minutes were accepted as printed and distributed.

Financial Report

There is a balance of \$1,115.16.

Partner Organizations Awareness and Outreach

- Shelley shared that Uber has released a large sum of grant money. BT is not eligible, but she forwarded it to Michael as a possibility. This was tabbed for a discussion during the Transportation, Mobility, and Housing Committee meeting. Members asked other questions about Uber. People with wheelchairs can still use the Late Night program because BT Access will be available at those times. Uber can be required to have accessible vehicles through law, like in New York. Some residents have reported being refused Uber rides due to their service dogs. This can result in a ban on the driver, and there is a way to report it within the app. Suggestion of printing cards citing the ADA and Uber's terms.
- Hannah will share a story-sharing form to share experiences with legislators. The Arc is holding an advocacy event in July in Indianapolis which will bring together staff from different providers.
- Josh introduced himself as the new liaison from MCPL. He has just reviewed the detailed AccessAble survey for the library and is planning future updates. The MALL equipment at the library now has a new space and is "off the charts." They have developed systems so that people can check out items without expectation of return and so that items are available to people out of county without a library card.

- Anna will be at Bloomington's ADA Anniversary event on August 1. SICIL will also have an ADA Anniversary event on July 18 in Bedford at Stonegate Arts, 9-12, across from the Farmer's Market. 10-12 other organizations will be there.
- Karin provided MALL updates. They are currently applying for a large grant and expanding to have an additional large room at the church. The new large room will serve as a show room with available items. The smaller room will be a workroom for storage and items that need to be repaired. They currently need manual wheelchairs but have many other items. Looking for volunteers to help with the move.

Report from the City

Michael explained that the ADA Transition plan is coming along. As the ADA Coordinator he is responding to the feedback that was solicited. The plan will then go to the City Council for their approval. The annual report is also complete and was sent to the CCA for any comments.

The Engineering Department is seeking the CCA's feedback. They are looking at hazards and previous designs with accessibility problems with the hope that if the City has leftover money, they can put it toward some of these issues by redesigning or retrofitting. (For example, by adding tactile directional indicators or curb ramps.) What would be the most helpful issues to address? A survey of CCA members was suggested.

He is also working on two large ADA complaints, one of which is with Max. Went out with Parks, Planning, Engineering, and Streets to see the issues that Max had raised. Michael is compiling all the departments' responses. The other regards a corridor in the Elm Heights neighborhood where there is no fully accessible path.

Have not yet received further information about the ordinance that states that the CCA will be the recipient of accessible parking fines. However, it seems that there are no funds available. It is the regular parking enforcement who give out those tickets.

New Accessibility Concerns from Members/Visitors

Lesley asked about updates on the Mills Pool locker room, which have significant accessibility concerns. Michael will look into it.

Aren shared concerns about accessing the parking meters from accessible spaces on 6th Street and asked if curb cutouts could be placed nearer the spaces.

Committee/Partner Reports

Accessibility Surveys

Michael shared that we surveyed the old Author Solutions building, which will be used by IU Health offices. The developer was very involved in the process and hopes to make the building ADA compliant or as close as possible.

Anna surveyed Upland Brewery as a training. We had surveyed this years ago with the old method and given them a pass, but with the stricter BlueDAG app we found a few issues.

Transportation, Mobility, and Housing Committee

Deborah shared that the committee will be meeting on July 10 at 4pm with the HAND department to discuss accessibility and no-step entrances for Hopewell.

Activities and Events Committee

The ADA Anniversary Celebration will be held on August 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Fernandez Plaza at City Hall by Farmer's Market. We will need volunteers!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annabelle Vosmeier, Assistant