

**Council for Community Accessibility**  
**Meeting Notes for October 25, 2021, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Chris Jackson opened the meeting by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. and members introduced themselves.

Members: Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Zoe Waters, Barbara McKinney, Barbara Salisbury, Julie Miller, John Brady, Chris Jackson, Rivkah Roby, Lesley Davis, James McLary, Hallie Chadsey, Natalie Sturbaum, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis, Michelle Moss

**Minutes:** August minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Financial Report:** Current balance is \$3362.2. It's higher than expected because it reflects expenses from the Gather 'round the table event that were partially under the Indiana Humanities and partially from other sponsorships. \$3000 was received from Indiana Humanities, but the event cost in the neighborhood of \$5500-\$6000. A bill of approximately \$2,400 remains to be paid. Zoe inquired about when an application for a grant from the American Association for People with Disabilities for translating the book *About Us* into plain language. Michael mentioned that the CCA might also apply for a collaboration grant from the Indiana Humanities in the spring.

**Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach:** James McLary said that the microtransit project is currently on hold. People needing transportation are reluctant to consider using Uber or Lyft because of lack of wheelchair accessibility.

**Report from the city:** Michael provided an update on his latest undertakings:

- Looking into the shortage of accessible parking spaces in downtown Bloomington as a result of a portion of Kirkwood being closed for street dining. He is working with the Economic and Sustainability, Public Works, Engineering, and Planning and Transportation departments to determine where to designate 37 accessible parking spaces, of which 10% would hopefully be designated ADA compliant (such spaces allow passenger to exit the car at the sidewalk via a curb ramp).
- Assisted in determining which sidewalks were to be repaired with the sidewalk fund. (In response to a question about the city replacing curb ramps, it was noted that curb ramps are required with new sidewalks and when a street is repaired new curb ramps must be installed.)
- Using unspent money provided for the pedestrian event held this past June, a mini-event is planned with Michelle Moss filming the navigation of curb ramps by five Stone Belt volunteers. The filming will be utilized in a course being developed for the City's Engineering Department.
- Working with *LIFEDesigns*, who intends to become more involved with CCA on three committees.
- Working with Barbara McKinney in Legal, on the City's transition plan, emailing all city departments and researching other cities' transition plans.

- Working with Barbra to resolve the problems associated with the automated updating of Smart 911 (formerly Special Dispatch)
- Finalizing and completing preparation with Michelle for emailing video filmed at Gather 'round the Table

**New Accessibility Concerns:** Barbara Salisbury pointed out that the intersection of Highland Avenue and the Winslow Sports Plex, along with the entrance to the upper parking lot at the YMCA, is a danger to pedestrians with vision disabilities. Currently, drivers don't need to stop; Michael and Barbara will look into this.

Chis Jackson explained the purpose of MALL (Mobility Aids Lending Library) and that as the library is presently undergoing some structural changes, the plans for MALL have been delayed.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Accessibility Committee:** Chris said that four surveys have been completed. The Boys and Girls Club on Lincoln has a problem with the elevator (from the flooding), Buffalouie's and Cafe Pizzaria need a second look to see what changes could be made to make them accessible. Rosehill Farm Stop is interested in making its property accessible (just a sign away from being so). If there are additional places that need to be surveyed, let Chris know. Also, the Accessibility Committee welcomes those interested in surveying business sites.
- **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Barbara reported that a technology grant from Health by Design would make use of transportation principles to ensure complete streets. An ADA compliancy course is planned with the Engineering Department to provide training in the spring of 2022. Michael will send out information about the Mobility Management Summit.
- **Activities and Events Committee:** Susan reported that there were forty-two people in attendance and twelve persons via Zoom that attended the September Gather 'round the Table event. The event received perfect scores on the evaluations completed by all attendees in person. Comments about emphasis on the education and advocacy impact of the event were noted also.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Crawford