

Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for November 29, 2021, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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

Members: Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Zoe Waters, Chris Baskins, James McLary, Susan Seizer, Sara Frommer, Susan Russ, Katie Herron, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis, Michelle Moss

Minutes: October minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Current balance is \$1903.94, which reflects payment of \$1500 to the Monroe County Convention Center for the September Gather 'Round the Table event.

Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach: Susan Seizer provided an update on the MALL (Mobility Aids Lending Library). Anderson Medical will assist in collecting used mobility aids. As it makes sense to lend the equipment out of the library, Chris Jackson is talking to the library about the liability component of MALL. The user will be required to sign a waiver prior to borrowing the equipment. January 16th, 1-3 pm is targeted as the opening of the lending service. Susan volunteered to serve as contact person with Michael as back up contact.

Report from the city: The CCA members viewed the impact video produced by Michelle Moss from the interviews held at the Gather 'Round the Table event. This video will be shown to potential funders and included in the next CCA newsletter. The video, which received positive and enthusiastic reviews from CCA members, is hoped to attract the attention of potential donors so that the book *About Us* can be translated into plain language.

New Accessibility Concerns: Chris Baskins raised the question of possible city annexation affecting CCA's range of responsibility and involvement. If annexation occurs, there should not be a big shift in CCA's focus as it is already involved in some of those areas. Bus routes would be expanded as would be BTAccess.

Committee Reports:

- Accessibility Committee: Michael said that four surveys have been completed-- Jersey Mike's will be awarded a decal, Alley Bar has some bathroom modifications to complete, Southern Stone has parking lot striping corrections to be made and Morgenstern's Bookstore has a couple things to correct. Digital Accessibility work will continue in January hopefully.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee: Michael reported that a subcommittee is working on the Accessible Transportation and Mobility Principles and hopes to make a recommendation to a future City Council meeting and ask that it be adopted and used to help with decision-making in this area. (The principles were data-based and used complete streets constructs. There was extensive

research on what other cities have done in this area.) The recommendation includes how to implement the principles as well as a glossary.

- Activities and Events Committee: Susan plans for the committee to begin planning for 2022 events in January. Michael talked about a mini-event that was tied to the funding of the June Pedestrian event: five Stone Belt clients participated in the filming of their navigating a set route in the downtown area. Photos of this event will be included in the upcoming newsletter and the Engineering Department will utilize the video for design considerations.

Report from the Chair: Katie announced that there will be no Council meeting in December, but that the Executive Committee should meet prior to the January Council meeting to work on our planning meeting.

Susan Seizer will send a video that illustrates the necessity of observing accessibility parking signs for Michelle to edit before including in the next newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford