

**Council for Community Accessibility Meeting
Notes for March 28, 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Katie Heron opened the hybrid meeting at 4:00 p.m. welcoming members attending in person as well as members attending via Zoom.

Members: Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Zoe Waters , Rachel Guglielmo, Barbara Salisbury, Barbara McKinney, Chris Jackson, Katie Herron, Trish Ierino, Iris Kiesling, Eric Ford, Susan Seizer, Julie Miller, John Brady, Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis, Michelle Moss

Minutes: February minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Michael reported a balance of \$1679.94.

Partner Organizations Awareness and Outreach:

- Trish reminded members of Stonebelt's "Belt Out Loud", celebration and fundraiser, to take place in May at the Buskirk-Chumley which will feature Jenn Christy. Julie added that she will send out a flyer as well as the link for YouTube.
- Barb McKinney recently held a workshop for landlords that addressed accommodations for accessibility and physical disability.
- Chris said that the library is now providing housecall service. Monroe County residents who are unable to visit a library or bookmobile can arrange for free monthly delivery.

Report from the City: Michael inquired about potential speakers for the monthly CCA meetings. Possibilities include the new IU director of the office of disabilities, Ryan Secrist from Anderson Medical Supply, PATIN, speakers to address the topics of aging disabilities, medical services, criminal justice as it relates to disabilities, Vocational Rehab.

Michael has received a request from Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for advice in creating a want ad and application for an advisory coordinator. CCA will have the opportunity to review this next month.

New Accessibility Concerns: The exit from I-69 to 3rd Street has accessibility concerns. As this is not a City problem, it should be reported to DOT. Chris will forward that link to Michelle Moss. Smith Road needs attention to making sidewalks and curb ramps accessible. Cab service for those with disabilities is still much desired. It was noted that micro transit will provide accessibility if BT offers accessibility.

Committee Reports:

Activities and Events: Katie reported that the Breaking Down the Barriers event, previously held in the past during the month of April, that celebrates businesses earning decals as well as building awareness of the decal program, can not follow the same format this year. In place of what was done in the past, it was suggested that brief videos (TikTok) be available to demonstrate accessibility problems and also solutions to accessibility problems. A workshop to be led by the LIFEDesigns intern on how to make the brief video will be held on April 21st.

Another suggestion is to explore the possibility of securing a bus ad with the names of decal awardees at a cost of approximately \$300-500 for a month. Michael will check on the time line details.

Accessibility: Chris reported that two new City parking lots (Trade District and 4th Street) have been surveyed. Both had a few items that need to be corrected before a decal can be awarded. It was suggested that when Breaking Down the Barriers is celebrated again in its previous format, there needs to be more completed surveys. There are west side clusters that have never been surveyed, but this will require time to get the surveys done as much planning is required. Feedback is coming in on creating a digital survey. This particular survey is very complex with coding needing to be clear.

Transportation and Mobility: Coordinated groups need to be utilized to demonstrate to the planning department the areas of the city that present access problems to people with disabilities. Thus, it would be desirable to have people who are impacted by the problem areas to participate in an event in May (engineering course on ADA compliance). The new general manager of Bloomington Transit plans to initiate a pilot program utilizing micro transit in areas where there are limited BT routes. This pilot program is to begin in May and continue to the end of the year. The Committee has spent much time working on the Accessible Transportation and Mobility Principles that takes into account best practices from America Walks, shared street design, and complete streets. After the mayor reviews the proposal, it will come to the CCA and from there to City Council to be considered.

Report from the Chair: There was no report from the chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford