

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

Michael Shermis opened the hybrid meeting meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Members: Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Barbara Salisbury, Chris Jackson, Katie Herron, Lesamarie Hacker, Margite Daosirt, Tommy Cunningham, Rivkah Roby, Phee Hunter, Barbara McKinney, Sam Dove, Jared Abbott, Amanda Bagwell, Eric Ford, Karin Willison, Zac Hunsak, Nick Philbeck, Susan Seitzer, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis, Michelle Moss
Guest: Cecilia Buckley, IIDC

Minutes: April minutes were accepted as distributed. (There was no May meeting.)

Financial Report: After payment of the bus advertisement for the month of May, there is a balance of \$1,194.54.

Guest Presentation: Cecilia Buckley, by means of a power point presentation, spoke about services offered by Vocational Rehabilitation. The Rehabilitation Act passed in 1973 made resources--vocational counseling, physical and mental restoration, rehabilitation technology, training and employment services--available in all fifty states. Cecilia can be reached at cepobuck@iu.edu.

Partner Orgnaizations Awareness and Outreach: Amanda Bagwell, ADA coordinator of FSSA, provided a brief description of her responsibilities in working with agencies involving aging, vocation, mental health, etc., to ensure compliance with the ADA, including web accessibility. The FSSA provides training in sensitivity, diversity, listening, etc., skills.

Report from the City: Michael reported that the Accessibility Mobility Principles are in the Mayor's office waiting for approval to be provided to the City Council.

New Accessibility Concerns: Tommy reported that there are no directions for accessing the city buildings around the Rogers and 4th Street construction site.

Also, a question was raised as to whether the streets where there are no turns on red permitted are marked as such; are the signals currently working?

Michael responded that there has been some progress in updating construction notifications, but he would like to know exactly what type of information is requested so that it might be included in the monthly newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Activities and Events: Celebration of the ADA's 32nd anniversary will be held on July 30th from 9-noon at the Main Plaza, next to the Farmer's Market. Organizations participating in the event include

IIDC, Monroe County Public Library, LIFE *Designs*, Stone Belt, Down Syndrome Family Connection, The Arc, Bloomington Human Rights Commission, MALL, and the CCA. Let Michael know if you can help with the event.

Accessibility: The committee has surveyed the venues that will be used for the August Piano Boogie-Woogie festival. A few areas of inaccessibility have been identified and reported to Craig Brenner, organizer of the event. Cardinal Spirits needs to address the lack of signage to be in compliance. Chris said that he hoped that major updates in digital accessibility will occur in July.

Transportation and Mobility: Barbara reported that the committee will be in communication with Zac from BT about the new pilot program that will use Uber to cover some of BTAccess routes. The committee will also look into problems associated with the current construction sites.

Additional Reports: Susan reported that MALL has received a lot of donated mobility devices, including a power chair. A suggestion was made to include a column featuring MALL news and requests in the monthly newsletter.

Report from the Chair: At the next CCA meeting, Zoe Waters and Lesley Davis will speak about accessibility travel in Europe. As there is no CCA meeting in July, the next meeting of the Council is August 29th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary