

**Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for September 26, 2022, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

The hybrid meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m.

Members: Chris Jackson, Karin Willison, Katie Anderson, Eric Ford, Marche Daughtry, John Brady, David Carter, Katie Herron, Lesley Davis, Taylor Firestine and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

Guest Presenter: Ryan Secrest, Anderson's Medical Products

Minutes: August minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Balance remains at \$1,194.54.

Partner Organizations Awareness and Outreach: Stone Belt's annual meeting will be held at the Convention Center on October 19th.

A few patrons of Lotus borrowed wheelchairs from MALL, and they advertised that MALL had loaned the wheelchairs.

Report from the City: Michael provided information about the Transition Plan. An organization is required to prepare a transition plan if it serves more than fifty people. The plan addresses what is being done to be more accessible as well as what is the CCA doing to be more accessible. The report will be publicized and posted on the city's website.

Boards, commissions and councils are invited to attend the September 30th Board/Commission Appreciation Event, to be held at the Cascades Golf Club House from 5:30 to 7:30.

New Accessibility Concerns: There were no new accessibility concerns presented.

Committee Reports:

Activities and Events: Lesley, co-chair of the Fall Event "Gather Round the Table," explained that the event will feature short examples of traveling abroad and in the U.S., as well as an accessible checklist activity at each table. Appetizers will showcase cuisine from around the world--Mexican, Asian, and Mediterranean, as well as a fun dessert. Fundraising for the event is underway; the next planning meeting, by Zoom, will be held next Thursday, October 6th from 6-7 pm. Michael will send out the invitation to the November 7th event--be sure to register! Also, there will be no October meeting of CCA.

Accessibility: Chris reported with Michael Bird's help, four places of business have been surveyed: There were accessibility concerns at each of these businesses so the businesses will be notified about these concerns. However, Bon Fete met accessibility standards so has been awarded a decal.

Chris has helped line up several businesses to for the surveyors to do and hopes to have them completed by early December. Looking ahead to next year's Breaking down the Barriers event, he predicts that the event will be held in the College Mall area during March or April.

Transportation and Mobility: At the next meeting, Andrew Cibor, Engineering Department Director, will address the problem of how people with disabilities can navigate construction areas.

Guest Presentation: Ryan Secrest from Anderson's Medical Products said that the move to their present location has enabled them to store bigger mobility items. The MALL press release brought a donation of several wheelchairs into the store, after which they were examined and repaired by Anderson's donated free labor to make sure that they were in good condition. Ryan said that it would be possible to provide consultation at the 'Gather 'round the Table event. He mentioned that insurance is the biggest challenge the business faces as it will pay for only one chair within a given period of time.

Lesley noted that MALL folks have been working to put information about available items in their inventory on e-cards to make selection less cumbersome. Also, they hope to make the items viewable without an abundance of detail.

Report from the Chair: Elections will be held at the November meeting; Katie stressed that new leadership makes the council stronger.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford