

**Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for September 25, 2023, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

The hybrid meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m. by chairperson Lesley Davis.

Members: Lesley Davis, Chris Jackson, Karin Willison,, Marche Daughtery, Casey Guarino, Danielle Perdue, Martin Homan, Nick Philbeck, Kristen King, Katie Anderson, Kathy Schultz, Lesamarie Hacker, Iris Kiesling and Linda Crawford

City Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: August minutes were accepted as printed and distributed.

Financial Report: Michael reported a balance of \$1352.00.

Partner Organizations Awareness and Outreach: Chris reported that small mobility items in the MALL library can now be checked out on the second floor by using a library card. There is no due date on these items. Small mobility aid items can also be donated to the library.

Kathy reported that Bloomington Transit will be updating bus schedules on their website. There is also a new app coming that has more features for accessibility; rebranding is also coming. BTAccess operates the same hours as BT. In the coming year, BT will serve more areas of the county, with improvements planned for bus stops.

New Accessibility Concerns from Members/Visitors: The crossing light at 3rd Street and Madison is not currently working.

Getting a wheelchair into space provided at the Buskirk-Chumley theater is a difficult process. With plans to revitalize the theater, it is hoped that this situation can be improved. Lesley and Michael agreed to look into this concern.

Guest Presentation: Presentation by Desiree Branaman, Assistant Program Director, College Internship Program has been postponed until the February, 2024 meeting.

Report from the City: The Limestone Post is requesting submission of anecdotes and comments on accessibility in nature, surveying, etc. Submissions must be in their hands within the next couple of days. Michael has email address if you are interested.

Improving the bus stop at High and Marilyn to make it accessible is a project still in the works. In 2026, that particular corridor will be updated.
The Hopewell neighborhood sidewalk problems have been corrected.
The video on training (Transportation) is geared more toward Stonebelt.
The award “Best in Second Life”, given by the city, will be presented to MALL for the innovation of giving used items a second life. This is to be presented on October 6th.

Committee Reports:

Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that two new surveys have been completed and businesses have earned decals: Dave’s Hot Chicken and Peach Cobbler Factory.

Transportation and Mobility Committee: The committee is seeking funding for the Housing and Transportation survey. This project is to consist of two parts—one class will do research on how surveys are currently being conducted and the second class will conduct the survey. They are also seeking funding to do a much larger-scale distribution.

Activities and Events Committee: Casey reported that thirty-seven reservations have already been made for Gather ‘round the Table. She is going to send out requests by email for assistants to help at the event. \$1,175 has been received already; \$1,350 additional expected for this event. Casey will need some help in hanging flyers.

MALL: Lesley has completed several legal forms for registering the organization. Karin is working on a website for MALL.

Report from the Chair: No report given.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary