

Meeting Notes for June 26, 2017, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Members: David Carter, Vicki Pappas, Katie Herron, Catherine Anders, Barbara Salisbury, Susan Russ, Anna Aleman, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Chris Jackson, Barbara McKinney, Jon Lyon, Chris Cutshal, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: Minutes from May meeting were approved as printed.

Media: An H-T article reported on some apartments secured through Airbandb were rejecting people with disabilities. CCA members were encouraged to continue sending pictures, etc., to Michael to be posted on Facebook. Barbara McKinney noted that Facebook had an article of AAA denying service to a woman with a vision impairment who had a service dog.

Report from the city: Michael distributed a handout of a sample full page ad in the H-T normally costing \$3,000 that would cost a sponsored organization \$700. Michael met with the a H-T staff member, who would help in securing sponsors for the CCA. In looking ahead to the October Awards Ceremony, a sponsors need to be secured by the end of August. The H-T ad would increase awareness of the CCA's presence in the community and, thus, hopefully increase attendance at, as well as contribution amounts to, the Awards Ceremony.

Financial Report: A balance of \$5744.76 remains after expenditures of \$126.97 for the planning lunch involving the community partners of the ADA anniversary celebration event. There will be additional expenses for the upcoming July anniversary event.

New Accessibility Concerns: Chris Cutshal reported that there are sidewalk accessibility concerns at the office complex on Auto Mall Road that is adjacent to the Restore building and also on the southeast side of the Sare Road and Moore's Pike intersection. Sites of some of the previous concerns are being revisited; a couple previous concerns are tabled because of the business moving location, etc.

Report from the Chair: Katie reported that Chris Jackson from MCPL will present how the library's strategic plan is developed with attention to listening to community concerns as well as how it can meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that the committee will personally deliver eight decals to businesses in July. The committee received a request from the Project School to be involved in the surveying of businesses. Forty businesses have expressed a desire to be surveyed. Vicki said a letter explaining the procedure of surveying will be sent to these businesses.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan announced that the ADA anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, July 22nd from 9:00 am to Noon at the Farmers Market along the B-Line Trail. Eight community partners (Down's Syndrome Group, MCAM, Monroe County Public Library, IIDC, American Council for the Blind, NAMI, LifeDesigns, and Stone Belt) will provide challenge events with a disability theme. E-mail Michael if you are able to volunteer for a period of time.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: Susan urged Council members to contact federal legislators about how health care proposals affect persons with disabilities, and argue that no cuts or caps to Medicaid be included in the new proposals.

Barbara announced that MCCAM will host a Pedestrian Forum on October 24th. People will stroll through neighborhoods to look at issues people with disabilities face.

Planning Activity: Council members divided up into two groups to tackle the two topics selected at an earlier meeting (working with IU on accessibility and expanding accessibility/awareness to doctors and dentists). Katie directed the groups to define a goal, list strategies for accomplishing the goal, and to develop a timeline for 2017.

The group that selected IU decided to focus on the various public arts venues and look for opportunities to develop conversation about accessibility concerns. Strategies include developing a list of venues, having the Accessibility Committee survey the IU Cinema and the Art Museum, and inviting the directors of these venues to speak at CCA meetings (it was suggested that we focus on the Art Museum first), and looking for opportunities to interact with IU concerning accessibility.

The group that selected working with doctors and dentists on accessibility and awareness issues addressed the concern of appropriateness in medical offices' practices of gathering and dispersing patient information, determining who needs awareness training, and how to get professionals involved in the training. It was suggested that after obtaining a list of doctors and dentists that a pilot program be put in place with a few doctors/dentists. It was also noted that a physical accessibility survey of these medical offices be completed.

It was suggested that perhaps ADA Indiana would be a possible source for a grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary