

Meeting Notes for August 28, 2017, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Members: David Carter, Vicki Pappas, Katie Herron, Barbara Salisbury, Anna Aleman, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Chris Jackson, Chris Cutshall, Cetti Cherniak, Coleman Kavgian, Melissa Stone, April James, Dorothy Lenard, Sneha Dave, Janesh Karnati, Lesamarie Hacker, Rachel Guglielmo, Michael Bird, Iris Kiesling, Nick Philbeck, Zoe Waters and Linda Crawford.

Guests: Dr. Dan Lodge-Rigal, Dan Wiseman, and Sharon Wiseman

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: Minutes from the June meeting were approved as printed.

Media: There was no media presented.

Report from the city: There was no report.

Financial Report: A balance of \$5,550.21 remains after expenditures for the July ADA anniversary celebration event.

Guest Presentations:

IU Medical School: Dr. Dan Lodge-Rigal explained that the Medical School is developing a disability curriculum that meets a current need. As it has been determined that 19% of the population lives with a disability, physicians need to be prepared to treat people with disabilities through communication and personal connections. Currently the planning committee is looking at outside factors that affect a person's health and will design curriculum around these objectives. Dr. Lodge-Rigal shared the seven-question survey that will be conducted among community members within the next couple of months with the Council members. He also announced that the DEEJ documentary on autism and inclusion will be aired at the Bloomington Hospital at 5:30 pm.

Monroe County Public Library: Chris Jackson introduced Dan and Sharon Wiseman who are members of the MCPL strategic planning committee. The committee is in the process of collecting ideas from several community groups through the end of September. The committee's goal is to collect ideas from community members concerning the type of community one wants to see in Bloomington, what issues are currently facing Bloomington, and looking ahead to what would improve the library and its services.

Council Members talked in small groups to respond to the first question—what kind of community do you want to live in? Responses included: to feel known, diversity, safety, transportation, decrease disparity between rich and poor, accessible, collaboration, involve people with disabilities in planning, honest, arts, educational opportunity awareness, services for indigent persons and respect.

The second question of what are the biggest issues facing the community brought responses of equality of opportunities, economics, homelessness, substance abuse, economic inequalities, affordable and accessible housing, addiction and gentrification.

Responses to the question concerning what the library should continue doing, eliminate or modify took the form of affirming what people liked about the library—accessible restrooms and ramps, meeting rooms, Level Up, the children’s area, teen development center, tutoring services, book sale room and the welcoming atmosphere.

Input on how the library might improve its services included additional security, more Braille books and audio-described movies, making the website more user-friendly, additional parking and book clubs that met outside the library.

Dan and Sharon shared some ideas from the strategic planning committee that included library delivery to all homes, an additional library, additional books that can be downloaded onto the Kindle and other such devices, more access to movies, movie clubs, and videos for kids who are looking for knowledge on certain subjects.

New Accessibility Concerns: Construction crews working in the Crestmont area are parking on the street, leaving 12th Street residents with limited parking. Several residents of this area are older people and people with disabilities. Their concern is that the parking spaces they have been using in the past will be occupied by people attending the Boys and Girls Club events, thus removing spaces for residents to use.

Michael responded to this concern—he will take photos of the area, communicate with the Legal Department and proceed from there.

Report from the Chair: Katie announced that Jason Moore from the Fire Department will speak at the September meeting, Mike Diekhoff from the Police Department in November, Alex Crowley from Economic Development in January, Tom Miller from Innovation in February, a representative from Bloomington Human Rights Commission in March, with the intention of having someone from Utilities to speak in April.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: CCA members expressed their appreciation to Vicki Pappas and honored her for the many years of her service to the Council and especially the Accessibility Committee with a card and cake. Katie announced that Chris Jackson is assuming the role of chairman of the committee. He announced that the committee will be using a web-based spreadsheet to track the status of surveyed businesses. The spreadsheet will be available to many people and the process of awarding decals should be expedited. Currently there are twelve surveys to be reviewed.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Katie announced that Rylin Rodgers, Training Director and Family Leadership Coordinator for the Riley Child Development Center will be the keynote speaker at the Annual October Celebration. This event will be held at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church on October 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The

focus is advocacy and will again provide opportunities of sharing stories of advocacy by those attending.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: Representatives from the Chronic Illness and Disability Advocacy (CIDA) Foundation will present its first Health Advocacy Summit for high-schoolers with a chronic condition. This will be held on the IUPUI campus on Saturday, October 21st.

It was reported that the sidewalks of three blocks that made it difficult for Zoe to get to school and for others having similar difficulty in navigating that section of pavement have been fixed by the city.

Coleman reported that the bathroom at the IU pool is now ADA compliant.

The YMCA is acting upon a complaint about its uneven pavement. The pavement has been repaired but the parking lot needs to be striped.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary