

Meeting Notes for May 21, 2018, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Members: Katie Herron, Rachel Guglielmo, Zoe Waters, David Carter, Chris Jackson, Chris Cutshall, Connie Neal, Barbara McKinney, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Anna Aleman and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

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

Financial Report: The balance in the CCA account is \$3945.85, following expenditures of \$802.71 for the April Breaking down the Barriers. This expenditure was much below the original budget of \$1,140, resulting in a savings of \$335.

Media: Zoe reported that an inaccessible parking situation was reported by a friend by using the app.

The *IDS* featured an article on the “I Can Bike” event.

Report from the city: The Executive Committee decided not to include a presentation on bias-crime reporting as that it felt that the Council should focus on the items (IU and medical facilities) selected for work this year. Barbara commented that very few crimes associated with disabilities have been reported.

Michael shared results of a webinar on Project Sidewalk. He said that different views of the sidewalks shown on the Google Street app are 94% accurate. Michael will try to determine when Bloomington will be able to make use of this tool.

There is a small group of 6 or 7 people who are interested in holding a Democratic Disability Caucus for the region.

Guest Presentations: There were no presentations this month. We anticipate presentations from a couple IU representatives in the future.

New Accessibility Concerns: There were no new concerns presented.

Report from the Chair: There was no report from the chair.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that surveys of two businesses were done with just a few things to be corrected before decals could be awarded. Surveys of seventeen schools in the MCCSC will be done soon. Also, a list of medical facilities to be surveyed will be compiled.

A letter was received from the Runcible Spoon following a survey of the restaurant. The owner stated that he would sit down with the manager and review the inaccessibility concerns so that corrections can be made.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: Anna reported on the committee's planning meeting for the ADA's 28th Anniversary Celebration that was held earlier this month. The event will be held at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 28th, from nine until noon. Eight agencies have been invited to participate, two of which have already confirmed. Cookies from Baked will be offered upon completion of activities offered by the agencies; Michael is hoping to provide water from the city. A preliminary luncheon meeting with representatives from the eight agencies will be held on June 7th.

CCA 2018 Priorities Work: The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing and brainstorming ideas for the 2018 CCA priorities. Katie reviewed her interaction with IU which resulted in an agreement to look into signage on campus. Michael met with Jim Stewart, Vice-President of Capital Projects (buildings, bus stops, hardscapes), and obtained names of four contacts. It was suggested that Michael attend quarterly the monthly meetings of IU and the City. Michael reported that the Vice President was very interested in talking about the IU sites that the general public patronizes. The CCA will submit a proposal concerning accessibility in these public places. It was suggested to use the newspaper's references to events on campus open to the public to generate a list of such places.

Ivy Tech will deliver a presentation of how they handle accessibility on their campus.

Michael will include a poll in the next CCA newsletter in order to prioritize the medical facilities to be surveyed. The poll will also be sent to the email list in addition to the mailing of the newsletter.

Chris suggested that a panel presentation, possibly by using a video, on meeting accessibility needs in medical facilities be offered for educational purposes to those offering medical care. A question was raised about the possibility of medical personnel using this presentation for meeting continuing education requirements. Michael will include an article in the CCA newsletter asking for volunteers to participate in the presentation.

Brainstorming for the Annual October event will take place at the August meeting.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: Chris reported that there will be phone assisted listening at the Monroe County Public Library. The portable assisted listening device will utilize a central microphone to pick up the targeted message as it filters out other noises.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford