

Meeting Notes for November 27, 2017, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members: Katie Herron, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Coleman Kavgian, Rachel Guglielmo, Zoe Waters, Susan Russ, David Carter, Barbara McKinney and Linda Crawford.
Guests: Mike Diekhoff, Chief, City of Bloomington Police Department
Staff: Michael Shermis

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

Media: There was no printed media presented, but Michael reported that Facebook is very active.

Report from the city: There was no report.

Financial Report: There is a balance of \$4,734.35 in the CCA account.

Guest Presentations: Mike Diekhoff, Chief, City of Bloomington Police Department, told CCA members there are one hundred officers and fifty-five civilians employed by the department. The Bloomington Police Department is responsible for the dispatch for both the city and county fire departments, Ellettsville, and ambulances, but not for the State or Indiana University. Most of the calls the department receives concern parking complaints, burglary, etc.

Mandated training of officers includes areas of interacting with people with disabilities and people with autism. The state curriculum is updated every one or two years. All officers as well as civilian employees receive crisis intervention training. The officers working in the downtown area receive additional training to divert potential offenders from jail and to see that they receive appropriate treatment.

Chief Diekhoff explained that the special needs registry is now automated and the screen displays not only the location of the person, but notes if that person has special needs. He also explained that problems with accessible parking on private property can also be handled by the City police.

In the past two years, the department has noted an increase in homeless, transient and nuisance issues. Police were posted in People's Park which resulted in these people moving closer to the library. Because of an increase in overdosing, some drug busts were scheduled, resulting in movement of this population to Seminary Park. Also, the department coordinated their efforts with the Parks and Recreation department. They hired some people from Centerstone to clean up the parks and do some programming at People's Park, Seminary Park, and Building and Trades Park.

In making 911 calls, it is helpful to the department if the health care provider of a person with special needs is there to provide the details of the situation.

New Accessibility Concerns: The parking problem around Crestmont has been resolved—there will be a dedicated ADA access space made available.

Report from the Chair: Katie provided an update on upcoming speakers: Alex Crowley from Economic Development in January, Tom Miller from Innovation in February, Barbara McKinney from Bloomington Human Rights Commission in April, with the intention of having someone from Utilities to be scheduled. There will be no December meeting.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: The committee is continuing work with Smartsheet for the accessibility surveys.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Because of the success of the Breaking Down the Barriers and the July event, Susan's committee is hoping to come up with some new ideas, such as action-oriented programs. The January committee meeting will concentrate on formulating concrete plans for 2018.

Rachel inquired about an advocacy function, wondering if we could work with the City, specifically on health care. This can be discussed at the January planning meeting. Michael added that we can use the meeting room until 6:00, giving the Council an extra thirty minutes to do some planning for 2018.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: There were no announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary