

Meeting Notes for January 28, 2019, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Members: Susan Russ, Chris Jackson, Barbara McKinney, Chris Baskins, Matt Norris, Barbara Salisbury, Eli McCormick, Jeannette Thomas, Katie Herron, Lisa Salyers, Iris Kiesling, Cori Mitchell, John Brady, Lesley Davis, Coleman Kavagian, Zoe Waters, Rachel Guglielmo, Nic Philbeck, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: November minutes were accepted as printed.

Financial Report: The balance in the CCA account is \$3,234.58.

Media: There was no media presented.

Report from the city: The three adaptive bicycles (hand cycle, three-wheeler and side by side tandem) will be ready for use at the end of April. They will be located on 7th Street on the B-line, near the Antique Mall.

Bloom magazine will feature an article on the CCA in an upcoming issue. Michael is encouraging the reporter to speak with members from the three committees of the CCA.

Michael will be conducting training in surveying businesses for accessibility in Evansville as that city is establishing a CCA. The newly formed organization is drawing students from PT and OT classes from their local universities to learn surveying procedures.

New Accessibility Concerns: No new concerns were presented.

Report from the Chair: Katie summarized the work of the CCA on its 2018 priorities (improving communication with IU concerning accessibility and increasing accessibility within the medical service sector), concluding that as much was done as was possible up to this point.

Election of Officers for 2019: Barbara McKinney moved and Chris Jackson seconded that the elected officers of 2018 continue to serve for 2019. A unanimous vote approved this motion. Officers for 2019:

Chair: Katie Herron
Vice-chair: David Carter
Secretary: Linda Crawford

Committee Reports: Katie asked that the chairs of the three committees provide a brief description of their work.

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris described how the committee works with businesses and service providers to identify and help rectify situations to make them accessible to

all people. The committee has made good progress with the restaurant and retail businesses and has just begun surveying medical service sites. He asked members of the Council to identify additional places that need to be surveyed.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan described the committee's work as supporting the other two committees as well as educating and raising awareness of disability and accessibility.
- C. Transportation and Mobility Committee: Barbara explained that the committee's work focuses on raising the visibility of mobility/accessibility and educating community members about means of transportation within the community.

Committee Goal Development: Council members broke up into groups to work on goal development for the three committees and then reassembled to report back to the Council.

Accessibility Committee

Chris reported that this group is seeking communication about building codes and construction as well as better contact with the county building commission. It was suggested that inviting a speaker to address these concerns might be pertinent. The group also discussed who's responsible for snow removal from curb cuts and rental properties.

There have been just a few surveys completed of the public venues at IU, but it was noted that signage is a problem. The question of having an app to address this problem was mentioned. It appears that the IU Accessibility Committee is inactive now.

The committee intends to follow up with surveying the YMCA for accessibility.

Accessibility from the nearest bus stop as well as the path of travel to the entrance of a building needs to be evaluated at various bus stops.

Activities and Events Committee

Susan reiterated that this committee supports the other two committees. The planned events build connections and partnerships with other groups from the community. The committee plans to continue with events that have been held in the past, but perhaps change the focus. Follow up questions with community members who attended the October event (Gather 'round the Table) is planned in an effort to enhance their partnerships with the CCA.

Transportation and Mobility Committee

Barbara provided details about the May 23rd event. Training for using Uber and Lyft would be presented by a panel. Also, following a luncheon, a speaker would address policy planning for better use of transportation resources.

The 500 bus stops need to be assessed for accessibility by the end of the year as it is now mandated by the state. The committee is looking for information on what makes a bus stop accessible by ADA standards.

Accessibility problems—bus stop accessibility, paths through the parking lot to entrances of the building, etc.—associated with the building at 1531 Curry Pike were discussed. As the

building is in the county, but privately owned and on private land, it becomes difficult to find solutions to complicated problem. Barbara suggested writing to state legislators.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford