

Meeting Notes for March 25, 2019, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Members: Susan Russ, Barbara McKinney, Barbara Salisbury, Jeannette ShereThomas, Katie Herron, Iris Kiesling, Cori Mitchell, John Brady, David Carter, Lisa Salyers, Chris Cutshall, Connie Neal, Ben Foley, Zac Huneck, Trish Ierino, Natalie Sturbaum, Lisa Ridge, Chris Jackson, Eli McCormick, Coleman Kavgian, Bob Wolford, Anna Aleman and Linda Crawford.

Guests: Lauren Daugherty, IU Eskenazi Museum of Art

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: February minutes were accepted as printed.

Financial Report: There is a balance of \$3234.58 in the CCA account. Approved expenses for the April Breaking down the Barriers event have not been incurred as of yet.

Media: *Bloom* magazine will feature an article on the CCA in the April/May issue. A supplement was included in the Herald-Times last week (issued by the Governor's Council) on March's awareness of disability.

Report from the city: PACE is removing all bicycles from the city. So there won't be adaptive cycles at this point.

Expenses for Michael's participation in the national ADA coordinator training, which occurs during June 16-19, will be covered by the City.

Several council members have revisited the building at 1531 Curry Pike to assess accessibility concerns both inside and outside the building. Signs in Braille have been ordered to indicate restrooms. Questions were raised about the possibility of locating a bus stop within the building's parking lot. It was mentioned that a sidewalk from the bus stop to the building will be added when the weather improves. Regarding the signage on boards that is difficult to read because of its size, directional signs will be put in place to direct patrons to the office they are seeking. Michael plans to meet with County Council member, Trent Deckard, to discuss concerns of accessibility of the building. As other offices throughout the state are consolidating, the Curry Pike building will be studied for feasible ideas in implementing consolidation of offices that include attention to accessibility.

As the number of people attending the CCA meetings is steadily increasing, Michael is going to look into the possibility of holding future council meetings in the Council Chambers.

New Accessibility Concerns: Zac reported that the app for mobile passes for riding both Bloomington Transit and BT Access will soon be tested.

Guest Presentation: Lauren Daugherty, art therapist at the IU Eskenazi Museum of Art, highlighted several new features of the remodeled museum which will reopen in November,

2019. Increased accessibility will include touch tours, and restrooms that are all accessible as well as the elevator going to the third floor. A plan for meeting the needs of people with dementia and Alzheimer's as well as their caregivers' needs will be implemented. This focus point is to be modeled after a similar program at MoMA. There are also plans for providing verbal descriptions of a few select art works. Lauren reported that the museum has applied for a grant that would produce 3-D prints that are replicas of certain art works that could be enjoyed by vision-impaired patrons as well as those with autistic concerns. Lauren shared with the council that the library is developing this new programming utilizing the student population along with the staff. Lauren mentioned that the museum desires to work with community partners and that Susan with Stone Belt has already made such arrangements. Lauren encourages input from the community as well as seeking docents who will work with focus groups.

Chris suggested that the Accessibility Survey team do an early survey before the library reopens on November 19th. Lauren seemed open to that happening and will be in contact.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that four new businesses have been surveyed, with Urban Outfitters in compliance with ADA standards. The three other businesses will need some adjustments to meet accessibility standards. Breaking down the Barriers will take place downtown with 42 businesses receiving recognition for their meeting accessibility standards, with dinner following for the participants at Function Brewery. Michael will resend invitations to the April 29th event, seeking RSVP's from those who intend to participate.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan informed Council members that the 2019 Breaking down the Barriers event will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 on Monday, April 29th. Those participating should meet in front of the Monroe County Public Library. The budget of \$850 for the event, approved by the Executive Committee beforehand, was okayed by the Council.
- C. Transportation and Mobility Committee: Barbara announced that plans for the Ride-hailing Workshop, (May 23rd to be held at the Convention Center) are in place. The by-invitation mobility planning luncheon for transportation providers, policy planners and other interested persons will be held from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Luncheon speaker Judy Shandlee will address creative coordination for better mobility as well as what is being done currently elsewhere in the country.

Hands-on training for learning how to use Uber and Lyft as well as things to consider before arranging transportation will follow the luncheon from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. A representative from Uber will address what is being done for accessibility concerns and the possibility of providing accessible vehicles in Bloomington. Michael will email interested persons, including senior groups and people living in assisted-living residences, about the event with the opportunity to RSVP to the invitation.

Zac spoke to the Transportation and Mobility Committee in March about the bus-stop assessment that is to be done. On Friday, he and several CCA members will assess how well the bus stops near the Country View apartments serve those using a wheelchair or a guide cane.

In April, Lisa Ridge, Public Works Director of Monroe County, will speak to the Transportation and Mobility Committee members at their monthly meeting.

Report from the Chair: A team representing the CCA will participate in the Vital Quiz Bowl, April 15-18.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford