

## Meeting Notes for June 24, 2019, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Members: Susan Russ, Barbara Salisbury, Iris Kiesling, Cori Mitchell, John Brady, David Carter, Chris Cutshall, Connie Neal, Chris Jackson, Lauren Martin, Kristen King, Michelle Hahn, Katie Herron, Ben Haralovich, Zac Huneck, Jordan Morany, Tanya Fakhouri, and Linda Crawford.

Guests: Susan Rinne, Employment First Self-Advocate Coalition

Staff: Karina Suarez, Intern

**Minutes:** May minutes were accepted as printed.

**Financial Report:** There is a balance of \$2160 in the CCA account following the payment of sponsorship of CCA's team that participated in the VITAL Quiz Bowl.

**Media:** There have been several articles in the *Herald-Times* concerning transportation (Uber, Rural Transit, Easy-access passes, and beginning July 1, a voice-over app). Also mentioned were Adria's column, and the library's home-bound service.

**Report from the city:** There was no report from the city.

**New Accessibility Concerns:** John Brady mentioned that the bus shelter at Bell Trace doesn't connect to the side walk because of a patch of grass. Ben mentioned that the path from Old National Bank to Kroger's is not safe.

**Guest Presentation:** Susan Rinne, from Employment First Self-Advocate Coalition, provided a power-point guided presentation of what has happened at the town hall meetings across the state. The guiding principles for "employment first" were outlined and it was noted that doing away with paying below minimum wage is one aim. Susan provided details for the town hall themes, social media campaign, next steps to be taken and plans to expand the coalition for next year in order to have more impact at the state government level.

Bloomington's team is comprised of Tom Morris, assistant athletic trainer, and representatives from the Downs Syndrome organization, Stonebelt, United Way and the Chamber.

At an employer forum to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, forty employers will meet to brainstorm ideas involving recruitment, to explore how employers can assist and to design solutions to move Bloomington forward in this effort.

Zac brought the Council up to date on the bus stop inventory project. Bloomington Transit expanded the scope of the INDOT-directed project by using a locally developed survey that added comments about curb cuts, paths and utilized photos of the bus stops.

Barbara suggested that the Transportation and Mobility Committee, along with the Accessibility Committee, work with Bloomington Transit. Further surveying will include interacting with people at the bus stops. Prioritized stops will note the frequency of use and difficulties associated with these particular bus stops.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that about 90% of the eighteen schools which were surveyed earlier will be resurveyed, hopefully before school begins. Rogers elementary school has some structural barriers so the committee will resurvey the school after renovation has been completed.

IU is not receptive to surveying by the CCA and elects not to act on suggestions to improve accessibility to public places. However, there will continue to be conversation between IU and the CCA's Accessibility Committee.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan asked for volunteers to help with the fourth annual ADA celebration, to be held on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon at the Farmer's Market on the B-Line Trail. There will be eight organizations participating—Monroe County Public Library, Stone Belt, Indiana Institute on Development and Community, Down Syndrome Family Connection, National Alliance on Mental Health, Ivy Tech, Arc of Indiana and LIFE *Designs*; in addition, the American Council for the Blind will print persons' names in Braille and the Boy Scouts will provide help. Participants completing a minimum of five out of eight activities provided by the organizations will receive a cookie.

The budget of \$325 for this event, previously approved by the Executive Committee, was approved by the Council.

- C. Transportation and Mobility Committee: Susan provided a review of the mobility planning and luncheon event held earlier in this month. The event was well attended with full participation by attendees. Despite glitches in technology, the committees involved in the planning are looking at sponsoring a similar event in the future.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford