

## Meeting Notes for May 22, 2017, 4:00-5:30

Katie Herron called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Members: David Carter, Vicki Pappas, Katie Herron, Katie Anderson, Coleman Kavgian, Catherine Anders, Barbara Salisbury, Susan Russ, and Linda Crawford.  
Staff: Michael Shermis

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April meeting were approved as printed.

**Media:** There was a photo of Chris Jackson with the book bike, a notice that IU Health has a decal recognizing it as being a dementia-friendly location, a Saturday Herald-Times house feature on Scott Sanders' old (but new) house that is all accessible, an article featuring Zoe Waters' presentation at the Project School during Accessibility Month. The CCA continues to be active on Facebook.

**Report from the city:** Michael reported that the Advisory Board on Disabilities in Evansville wishes to receive basic training on surveying businesses. While David Carter did talk with them about accessibility concerns and issues, they want to make sure they can actually do the surveying. Michael plans to visit Evansville in early June to do this training. The stipend of \$500 to be paid will be split between the city and the CCA.

The City has voted to purchase a new system, called Smart 9-1-1 that is more automated and more thorough to help in handling special needs emergency responses within the county. Date for implementation has not yet been determined. Barbara McKinney will no longer be calling to check on reenrollment in the registry, though the CCA's position on promoting this service remains unchanged.

**Financial Report:** A balance of \$5871.72 remains after expenses for the April event.

**New Accessibility Concerns:** Katie received an email citing a concern that the First Christian Church's request to add an accessible parking space in the cutout near the church was denied. Michael will look into it.

Another concern mentioned the many limitations to accessibility at the Boys and Girls Club.

**Report from the Chair:** Upcoming speakers include Alex Crowley, Economic Development, in June; Tom Miller, Innovation, in August; Jason More, Fire Department, in September. Representatives from the Police and the Utilities Department will also be scheduled. Coleman reported that the landscape architect for IU will not be available to speak, but he did speak to Coleman about IU's plan to install a zig-zag ramp to provide accessibility from the IU paid parking lot to the entrance of the renovated art museum.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that the committee's new goal of ten more decals to be awarded in July is almost complete. The Police Department headquarters has earned a decal. Allison Juke Box will be surveyed after renovation has been completed and the City's garages still need to be surveyed. Coleman has become a member of the committee.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan announced that the ADA anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to noon at the Farmers Market along the B-Line Trail. The Committee will meet with community partners in the Hooker Room at 11:30 on June 22<sup>nd</sup>; lunch will be included.

The budget for the event includes: June 22<sup>nd</sup> planning lunch--\$165, Cookies--\$150, Decorations--\$75, Miscellaneous items--\$55 for a total of \$470. The executive team has approved this expenditure and the Council members supported the decision.

Michael will check into making water available for that morning. Katie suggested asking Kroger to donate the cookies. Decals will be personally distributed to businesses, providing an opportunity for picture taking and posting on Facebook.

**Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements:** None at this time.

**Planning Activity:** Based upon Council members' prioritizing suggestions at the April meeting, working with IU on accessibility concerns and expanding accessibility awareness of builders and developers received the most votes. Other top concerns were training of the members of the police department and the medical profession.

It was suggested that perhaps the Council might focus on efforts regarding accessibility at IU with the Art Museum's upcoming renovation.

The Council members decided to make the continuation of small approaches toward increasing accessibility at IU and working with members of the medical profession to increase their awareness of accessibility needs their focus. Working towards meeting these goals will be included in each meeting's agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Crawford, Secretary