

**Council for Community Accessibility  
Meeting Notes for September 30, 2019, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Members: Susan Russ, Katie Herron, Katie Anderson, Barbara Salisbury, David Carter, Chris Jackson, Chris Baskins, Michelle Hahn, Eli McCormick, Nick Philbeck, Lesamarie Hacker, Trish Ierino, Zac Huneck, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

**Minutes:** August minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Financial Report:** Several donations for Gather 'Round the Table have been received, with the possibility of a few additional contributions, bringing the balance to \$4,343.80.

**Report from the city:** Michael distributed an updated draft of the “in progress” CCA brochure. The vision statement is to be developed later during the meeting, but members of the CCA suggested that there needs to be greater color contrast between the backgrounds of statements and the words appearing in those areas.

In a presentation at The Project School, students expressed an interest in becoming involved with the work of the accessibility committee. It might be possible to get students involved in some street surveying/mapping of obstructions. Information will be returned to Michael who would determine with the accessibility committee how to use the data to address accessibility concerns.

Michael and David responded to questions posed to *City Limits* (a WFIU/WTIU show)—why is Bloomington so inaccessible and inhospitable? This is intended to be aired on October 9<sup>th</sup>, but Michael will keep members updated.

The IU Art Museum has requested an accessibility survey as has the Center for American Studies.

**New Accessibility Concerns:** There were no new concerns presented.

**Guest Presentation:** There was no guest presentation this month.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris is in the process of finalizing his report to MCCSC. After resurveying the schools, there is no school completely accessible, though positive steps toward accessibility have been made at each school. Also, as a result of three newly surveyed businesses, all three will receive decals. The committee has decided to reexamine how it surveys parking lots so that businesses who have a portion of the parking lot that has been done correctly can be awarded a decal. They will continue to work with companies who own the parking lots and buildings.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: 'Gather Round the Table will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 at the Convention Center, with plans for about fifty people to attend. Invitations and forms for RSVPing will be sent out this week in the monthly CCA newsletter. The committee is requesting ideas for questions related to health care issues to be used by table facilitators.
- C. Transportation and Mobility Committee: Barbara explained that a training program that utilizes use of Uber will consist of eight trainees and six trainers. A follow up will take place in 3-4 months.

Barbara reported that online scheduling of BT Access will soon begin. At the next committee meeting, an individual from Missouri will dial in to discuss how to make use of an accessible vehicle.

Zac provided results of the Bloomington Transit bus stop survey in a power point presentation. The survey assessed thirty-three different aspects of the 530 bus stops on 13 routes. The survey showed that 54% of the bus stops were either good or excellent in overall accessibility. INDOT will prioritize results (BT Transit has already done this). BT Transit has begun work with the City on improving sidewalks that intersect with the bus stops, and is seeking grant funding and looking into route optimization. Zac will respond by email to specific questions requesting additional details.

**Report from the Chair:** Katie asked Michael to lead the Council in its work to develop a vision statement. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to work on this task. The result was a draft statement: The Council for Community Accessibility envisions an inclusive community where everyone is valued and empowered to access equitable opportunities.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Crawford