

**Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for November 25, 2019, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Katie Herron opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Members: Katie Herron, Katie Anderson, Chris Jackson, Michelle Hahn, Lesamarie Hacker, Zac Huneck, Animesh Gupta, Nikita Pinjarc, Kristina Williams, Iris Kiesling, Kelly Clark, and Linda Crawford.

Guest Presenter: Beth Rosenbarger

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: September minutes were accepted after revision to clarify the Accessibility Committee's report from the September meeting. The September minutes will be emailed with this revision.

Financial Report: A donation of \$125 from the Kiwanis Organization for Gather 'Round the Table was recently received, bringing the total donations for the October event to \$3,725. Expenses for the event were approximately \$2100; balance in the CCA account is \$3,576.80.

Media: Michael shared handouts from the 2019 Indiana Conference on Disability he recently attended.

Report from the city: Michael commented on the Bloomington CCA's part in the recent Indiana Conference on Disability. Following the presentation, the presenters (Michael and Susan) were questioned about the lack of participation by people with hearing limitations in the Council's work. They responded by noting that the deaf community in Bloomington hasn't sought CCA's assistance or services. Questions were raised about the omission of providing an ASL interpreter at all meetings and events, but Michael explained that the city does not allow local interpreters who are more affordable if they aren't a business.

New Accessibility Concerns: Zac reported that some of the problems concerning some bus routes, such as the ones serving Whitehall Crossing, Whitehall Plaza, Sherwood Oaks, Walnut Woods, have not yet been resolved. Bloomington Transit is still working on time schedules for BT Access (the latest is it might run on a direct route) and is continuing its work on online reservations. Zac reminded the Council that the transportation is impacted by environmental constraints.

Guest Presentation: Beth Rosenbarger, Planning Services Manager, City of Bloomington, explained that her job entails long-range transportation management. Currently she is addressing the challenges presented by the scooters and how they fit into the City's comprehensive plan. While most places are accessible by car, but not all by walking or biking, her concern is safety for drivers and pedestrians alike. Problems arise with finding places to park scooters. There are bicycle parking corrals on a couple streets which help to alleviate vehicle parking. Questions arose about where motorcycles are to be parked.

A proposed scooter parking policy is due in March and Beth encouraged CCA members to make suggestions and comments. Enforcement of dismount rules are currently not 100%. Responding to the question about IU enforcement of scooter policy, Beth suggested that we partner with IU so that city and university policy will be consistent.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that eight new surveys have been done, with just small details to be corrected before a decal can be awarded. The committee is using a more liberal guideline in accessing parking for a business located in a shopping mall or plaza. Looking ahead to next year's Breaking down the Barriers, he said the committee is looking at areas where enough surveys can be completed and that are accessible enough to be visited.
- B. Transportation and Mobility Committee: In Barbara's absence, Michael reported that wheelchair accessibility vehicle will be discussed at the December 9th transportation committee meeting.
- C. Activities and Events Committee: Review of this year's Gather 'round the Table as well as planning for next year's gathering will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on December 12th.

Report from the Chair: Katie received the welcome mat that Michelle had designed and entered on behalf of the CCA at the Indiana Library Federation event.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: Katie Anderson complimented the use of good visuals in the presentation by Beth. She also asked about who is responsible for removing leaves from the sidewalks. When there is a problem with leaf accumulation on sidewalks, this should be brought to the attention of the City, which will handle it in a manner similar to handling complaints about lack of snow removal.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford