

**Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for January 27, 2020, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

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

Members: Katie Herron, Katie Anderson, Chris Jackson, Michelle Hahn, Lesamarie Hacker, Iris Kiesling, Jeanette Thomas, Barbara Salisbury, David Carter, Rev. Sarah McKenney, Branden Bonczek, Zoe Waters, Rachel Guglielmo, Susan Russ, Trish Ierino, Kelly Clarke, Nick Philbeck, and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: November minutes were accepted as printed.

Financial Report: Balance in the CCA account is \$3,576.79.

Media: Katie Anderson commented on the article in the *Herald-Times* about Zoe and her new service dog.

Report from the city: Michael received suggestions from the Indiana Disabilities Organization Resources office about promoting communication with Bloomington's deaf community. One suggestion is to place an ad in their newsletter--\$35 for one issue or \$75 for three issues. This possibility, and other ideas, will be pursued at a later date.

New Accessibility Concerns: Rachel mentioned that several Lime scooters were blocking the entrance to the Project School so that Zoe was unable to access the entrance in her wheelchair. The problem was resolved once the situation was reported, but the question remains as to how this problem can be prevented in the future. Both Michael and Rachel are looking into this further.

Signs are being attached to the scooters to advise riders how to avoid fines. Bloomington residents are encouraged to use the UReport on the City website (and can be reached on a mobile phone) to report problems such as this. Reminders about using UReport will appear on Facebook and in the CCA newsletter in the future.

Guest Presentation: There was no guest presentation this month.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that seven new surveys were completed with new surveyors participating. The committee is still looking into problems in accessing businesses from parking lots that are owned by someone other than the owner of the business located in the shopping mall. Looking ahead to this year's Breaking Down the Barriers event, he said the committee feels a downtown area would be best to focus upon.
- B. Transportation and Mobility Committee: Barbara reported that the committee is looking into a need for an wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV). Wrap up of the ride-hailing training will happen along with planning an education event for 2020. The committee

would like this event to coincide with the American Council for the Blind's 2020's annual event in November.

- C. Activities and Events Committee: Susan reminded Council members that a review of Gather 'Round the Table was held at the last CCA meeting.

Report from the Chair: Katie provided guidelines for the brainstorming session to be done by the three committees at this meeting. Discussion would include a review of last year's work and how that related to the CCA's vision statement. Brainstorming should be related to the six objectives of the Council which are listed in the brochure. Also to be considered is diversity of the Council. The three groups will come back together to share their ideas to conclude the meeting.

Summary of Brainstorming: (By committee)

Chris—Accessibility Committee

- physical accessibility
- building inspections
- braille menus
- diversity, which includes deaf issues
- outreach--to schools with regard to public safety as main focus
- new hospital and Switchyard parks--how could CCA help

Susan—Activities and Events Committee

- empowering needs of all as a focus
- ways to broaden outreach, diversity and interact with other groups
- assessing needs and strengths of the community
- using brochures to acquaint and develop partnerships with CCA

Barbara—Transportation and Mobility Committee

- education event for 2020
- what should the committee learn about transportation to be a better advocate and to educate
- what are other people doing in the community?
- paratransit needed?
- invisible lines
- potential partnerships to bring transportation across county lines
- mobility management with transportation
- communication to acquaint citizens with available transportation

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford