

**Council for Community Accessibility**  
**Meeting Notes for January 25, 2016, 4:00-5:30**

**Katie Herron called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

Members: Vicki Pappas, David Carter, Chris Jackson, Barbara Salisbury, Catherine Anders, Katie Herron, Kemberly Dailey Johnson, John Brady, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Nick Philbeck, Karin Willison, and Linda Crawford  
Staff: Michael Shermis

**Review of Minutes:**

Minutes were accepted as printed.

**Financial Report:**

There was an expenditure of \$35 for the Christmas party and a donation of \$500 from Cook.

**Media:**

Council members were reminded that there will be upcoming media from the CCA regarding Disability and Accessibility Awareness month activities.

**Guest Presentation:**

There was no guest presentation this month.

**City Report:**

Michael reported that the newsletter was being assembled; a suggestion was made that the title "commissioner" be changed to "councilmember" in the newsletter.

**New Accessibility Concerns:**

There was a concern about the removal of a curb cut in front of the Dollar General store in the Walnut Park Shopping Center. Upon investigation it was determined that the curb cut that remains is within the ADA specifications for the shopping center. This type of complaint typically is now referred to the Planning Department which then communicates with the complainant. (The City of Bloomington Planning Department will provide a presentation at the February 29<sup>th</sup> CCA meeting.)

Vicki noted that Quaff On is currently undergoing construction and renovation and inquired about accessibility requirements. She asked that if anyone notices or hears of possible renovation plans to contact her or Michael who will then send someone from the Accessibility Committee to consult with the owner.

**Report from Chair:**

Results of CCA elections are as follows:

Chair: Katie Herron

Accessibility Committee Chair: Vicki Pappas

Activities and Events Co-chairs: Susan Russ and Nick Philbeck

Secretary: Linda Crawford

At-large members: David Carter and Catherine Anders

Upcoming presentations include:

February—Planning Department

March—Disabilities Outreach Coordinator for deaf and hearing impaired

April—Amy Mobley, Ivy Tech Community College

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that charges which had been filed with the Department of Justice concerning Player's Pub have now been amended to include the landlord in those responsible for violation of ADA guidelines.

Vicki thanked the committee, the volunteer surveyors and Barbara McKinney for their efforts resulting in the awarding of 18 decals in 2015. The committee's goal is to award 10 more decals by April.

Vicki and Michael are currently completing a grant application which would be used to provide training for restaurant owners and managers. The proposed workshop would address the most common complaints concerning compliance with accessibility guidelines: restrooms, uni-sex bathrooms, parking lot striping, and renovation rules as well as provide guidance in helping restaurants complete self-assessments.

If the grant is secured, along with support from BIRA, the workshop would be held sometime in the spring. Decision on awarding the grant will be made at the Indiana ADA meeting on the third Wednesday in February.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: In Susan's absence, Katie relayed Susan's reminder that Disability and Accessibility Awareness events will be held during March and April. She is looking for suggestions for activities for the months. School presentations on disability topics will be offered again this year as this activity has been received in a positive and enthusiastic response in the past.

Susan also is looking for additional members for the Activities and Events Committee.

Council members broke into small groups to discuss priorities for 2016 and ways to communicate with the new mayor, David Hamilton, and other new city department heads. Ideas from subgroups include:

- Have a small group present an overview of the Council and its work in a 30-minute meeting.
- Invite the mayor to a CCA meeting with a focus on particular concerns of the Council.
- Focus messages include awareness of accessibility concerns, help with marketing the resources that CCA can provide (ADA guidelines in renovation and

construction of new buildings, training for event planners, compliance with ADA concerning apartments, etc.), improved communication with departments that involve accessibility issues.

- The Council would like to be a part of any communication that involves accessibility to bring it to the forefront of any project or activity planning occurring in Bloomington.

**Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements:**

Barbara Salisbury is looking for a person to fill the position of administrative assistant with the Transportation Voucher Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford, Secretary