

## Meeting Notes for September 26, 2016, 4:00-5:30

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

Members: David Carter, Katie Herron, Vicki Pappas, Casey Guarino, Katie Anderson, Susan Russ, Catherine Anders, Cetti Chernick, Barbara Salisbury, Barbara McKinney, and Linda Crawford

Staff: Michael Shermis

Guests: Bert Clemons, Adult Guardianship Program, Area 10 on Aging

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August meeting were accepted as printed.

**Media:** The Facebook page has been active and with regular postings. It would be good to include pictures as well. *The Herald-Times* featured the new Pedigo motorized vehicle; however the place to see them is inaccessible. A question was raised about the outdated signage at the Academy for Science and Entrepreneurship. Michael will seek an explanation for the wording “parking for physically challenged.”

**Report from the city:** Michael reported that his intern is working on a review of best practices involving accessibility currently in use in other cities and will make a formal presentation on this topic at an upcoming meeting.

During a phone conference to finalize the report on the June restaurateur training event, Michael learned about another organization in another city that utilizes the arts in working with disability and accessibility concerns. The Bloomington Arts Commission City liaison encourages the CCA to pursue this endeavor in 2017.

Michael asked CCA members to review the list of previous contributors to the annual Awards Ceremony and to encourage those they might know to contribute to this year’s event. Michael also encouraged CCA members to review the decal distribution list and sign up to deliver the new decals to businesses who have previously earned the award.

**Financial Report:** There is a balance of \$5394.84 in CCA funds following the receipt of grant money for the June Restaurateur training event. The CCA is beginning to receive donations for the annual Awards Ceremony.

**Guest Presentation:** The Council welcomed Bert Clemons, from Area 10 on Aging, who explained the Adult Guardianship Program which has been in existence for about one year. An adult is referred to the program by Adult Protective Services, nursing or home health services or from the Monroe County Court. The program serves individuals with decisional or developmental disabilities or those who are mentally ill who no longer have care and support from previous caretakers.

Mr. Clemons explained the different types of guardianships (guardian of the individual and guardian of the estate) and explained that it is desirable to make one person guardian of both.

He delineated the process of establishing guardianship—Discovering the person in need, investigation by APS followed by recommendation to the court, filing petition by APS or other reporting agency, holding a hearing, adjudicating the case and finally issuing guardianship papers. This process typically takes 30-60 days.

Mr. Clemons discussed the responsibility of the guardian in developing a care plan that reflects the best interests of the individual who has been assigned a guardian. Judge Galvin is in charge and determines when reports are due. Currently there are six volunteers working with the Adult Guardianship Program.

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

**Report from the Chair:** Katie provided an update on presenters for the upcoming Council meetings: in February, Caroline Shaw from the City's Human Resources department will address the Council. Michael is lining up representatives from other city departments to speak at future Council meetings. The Special Needs Registry is continuing to enroll more individuals. Let Michael know if you need more brochures.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that there are several surveyed businesses that are awaiting either a letter from the committee or, in case of a more serious infraction of ADA regulations, from Barbara McKinney. The committee will award at least five or six decals at the November 7th event. Surveying all the city buildings has been found to be a big endeavor. Currently all fire stations have been surveyed. When all city buildings have been surveyed, the mayor will receive a report. It has been discovered that the people striping parking lots are not following regulations. Barbara will look over the printed regulations before a printed version of the guidelines are sent to businesses doing the striping.

The next Accessibility Committee meeting will be Monday, October 31 at 2:30 pm.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: Susan expressed her appreciation for the successful ADA Celebration in July. The next event, the November 7<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony, will celebrate disabilities through story-sharing. An announcement has been sent out seeking recommendations for award recipients. Susan explained that there will be story prompts at each table and after sharing stories with those at one's table, one person will present his or her story to the event's attendees. Katie will facilitate the activities with Michael assisting with the story-telling activity. Susan suggested that there be one or two Council members who will share a story as well. Adria Nassim, columnist from *The Herald-Times*, will be the key note speaker. Sign interpreting will be available for the evening.

Dr. Lisa Connolly will be asked to secure the services of a Boy Scout troop to assist at the event.

Susan will send a copy of the event budget of \$2,070 to the Executive Committee of the Council to review and then respond to Katie.

Katie Anderson added that Ivy Tech will donate table linens to be used for the event.

**Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements:** Barbara Salisbury announced that the Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility will meet on October 12 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the multi-purpose room at the Bloomington Transit Center. The topic for discussion will address the transportation concerns of people with disabilities and those who are aging and can no longer drive.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Crawford, Secretary