

Meeting Notes for November 28, 2016, 4:00-5:30

David Carter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members: Chris Jackson, David Carter, Jeannette Shere-Thomas, Vicki Pappas, Casey Guarino, Brother David Smith, Barbara Salisbury, Kimberly Dailey Johnson, Carrie Hammel, Nick Philbeck, and Linda Crawford

Staff: Michael Shermis

Guests: Christy Langley, Andrew Cibor, Beth Rosenbarger

Minutes: Minutes were not available to members prior to the meeting, but will be reviewed before the January meeting.

Media: *The Herald-Times* included a guest editorial by Barbara McKinney, as well as an article about the MCAM's public forum in October. *Bloom* magazine has added a new description of accessible in bold print in its listing of places to dine.

Report from the city: Michael described the new measuring device, a door poundage gauge, for determining the degree of difficulty in opening doors. This measure of accessibility will be added to the survey, but will not be enforced. Business owners will be provided with a handout with suggested measures of weight recommended for opening interior and exterior doors.

Michael is working on the mayor's request to survey city buildings. The fire stations and the Banneker Center have been surveyed and a list of suggestions to reduce barriers compiled.

Financial Report: The balance of the CCA funds is approximately \$6,500 after annual awards ceremony fundraising, including \$2,000 donation from Cook, and expenses. The executive committee voted to spend \$200 for a holiday party/planning meeting.

Guest Presentation: Christy Langley, Director of Planning Department for the City of Bloomington, described three components of the accessibility inclusion in the master thoroughfare plan for 2017:

- Developmental services, permits, zoning (Monroe County is contracted to ensure compliance with building code)
- Long-range transportation planning which includes bicycles, pedestrians, MPO
- Engineering to include infrastructure, roadways, pathways, and intersections

The Planning Department serves as liaison for many boards and commissions. Christy described some of the projects that will be completed as I-69 is completed.

Andrew Cibor, Transportation and Planning Engineer, added that any sidewalk completed now will be ADA-compliant and, furthermore, the department would like the Council's help with prioritizing projects. It will take most of next year to develop a thoroughfare plan.

Michael reiterated the Council's suggestion that when planning meetings, consider making the meeting location an accessible site.

Vicki inquired that as the state building code is not in agreement with the international ADA code if the builders could be asked to consider complying with the ADA. Christy commented that as the contract with Monroe County building code office expires in March, 2017, the city might assume responsibility for building inspections itself. If that is the case, then it might be possible to encourage builders to take the ADA standards into consideration when making inspections.

New Accessibility Concerns: Though not a new concern, Casey reported that Centerstone has recently installed a sliding door and moved the trash cans that were blocking the entrance.

Report from the Chair: Guest presentations are scheduled for January (Doris Sims from HAND), February (Caroline Shaw from Human Resources), and March (Paula McDevitt from Parks and Rec). Check with Michael if you have suggestions for future meetings.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that out of 30-40 businesses surveyed in 2015, 18 were awarded decals. Seventeen businesses were awarded decals in 2016. A new procedure will be implemented in 2017—the person who has completed the survey of the business will hand deliver the decal. Barbara McKinney sent about thirty letters to those businesses doing paving and striping of parking lots with a list of specifications that comply with ADA and Indiana parking code. The committee hopes to complete surveys of the list of restaurants listed in *Bloom* magazine and other restaurants which have a short list of quick fixes. Michael asked that these concerns be sent to him, so the concern can be addressed more quickly.
- B. Activities and Events Committee: In Susan's absence, Michael presented plans for a combination party/planning meeting to be held on December 13th. He will need reservations by December 6th from those wishing to attend.

Reports from Affiliate Organizations and Programs/Announcements: Barbara Salisbury announced that at the January 11th, 11:30 am MCAM meeting, Mark Stoops will be present to discuss transit bills. Barbara asked if the CCA might draft a statement in support of the proposed legislation.

Kimberly announced that groundbreaking for Crawford 2 Apartments (all accessible) was held and the building is to be completed by August, 2017.

Chris added that the Library has added a contrasting edge to the stairs to correct the lack of visual contrast. The Library now has a permanent collection of wifi boxes.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford, Secretary