

Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for August 31, 2020, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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

Members: Katie Herron, Chris Jackson, Cindy Fleetwood, Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Susan Russ, Eli McCormick, John Brady, Nick Philbeck, Kelly Clark, Zac Huneck, Babette, and Linda Crawford.

Guest: Stephanie Solomon

Staff: Michael Shermis,

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Balance in the CCA account is \$3392.63. Grant money for Gather 'Round the Table is anticipated to arrive soon.

Media: Michael noted that CCA continues to be followed on Facebook. Continue sending articles to Michael to be posted on FaceBook. Susan provided information on how some organizations are doing annual events during the pandemic. One group is using the K-Mart parking lot as a drive-in experience. Box luncheons are utilized instead of regular catering. In-person events might include possible Zoom components.

Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach: Monroe County Childhood Conditions will hold their meeting virtually on October 27th. It will include the topics of disability injustice, trauma, and primary prevention. The book club will meet virtually to discuss *How to be an Anti-racist*.

Report from the city: The report from the city will be included in the Committee reports.

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that most of the 36 potential voting locations have accessibility barriers. At tomorrow's Monroe County Election Board meeting, it will be determined which locations will be used as polling sites. They will also be talking about what kind of mitigations to put into place.
- B. Transportation and Mobility Committee: Discussion continues on obtaining a wheelchair accessible vehicle. The committee is looking into having a speaker to share information about a housing project near Switchyard Park. As a result of the bus stop inventory of fifty sites, projects to increase accessibility are about to begin. The planned microtransit is to be fully accessible according to Zac.

C. Activities and Events Committee: Susan reminded members that the final meeting of decision-making for Gather 'round the Table will be Friday, September 11th at 11:30 via Zoom. The event, which will offer participation via Zoom as well as in person, will commence at 5:00 pm at the Monroe Convention Center on Thursday, October 1st. Those attending will be asked to read a couple essays from the book *Disability Visibility* before that evening. Alice and another contributor to the book will be present for a panel discussion. An email with a link to registration will be sent out tomorrow. The in person room can accommodate eighty-four people with 350 Zoom-available spots. There will be an ASL interpreter at the event.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in Implicit Bias Training, led by Stephanie Solomon and Nick Philbeck. You may get further information by contacting them at btccbloomington@gmail.com or btccbloomington.org. Nick and Stephanie concluded by reminding members that training is just the start of eliminating bias.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford