



**Council for Community Accessibility Meeting
Notes for September 28, 2020, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Katie Herron opened the meeting by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Members introduced themselves by using the chat box.

Members: Katie Herron, Chris Jackson, Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Eli McCormick, John Brady, Nick Philbeck, Kelly Clark, Lena Van Manen, Zoe Waters, Katie Anderson, Holly Elkins, Trish Ierino, Naomi Lacy, Chris Baskins and Linda Crawford.

Guest: Catherine Vest

Staff: Michael Shermis,

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Balance in the CCA account is \$2951.18 which reflects expenditure for purchasing books (Disability Visibility) and \$2000 in grant money for the October Event.

Media: As people have become increasingly aware of using FaceBook to stay informed of CCA's activities, this item might be removed from the regular agenda in the future.

Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach: Chris announced that the Monroe County Public Library is reopening for browsing and limited services. Patrons are encouraged to limit their visit to one hour at a time. Trish reported that the volunteers from the IU Credit Union participated in Area 10's service to do yard cleanup and other chores for Area 10's clients needing help. Kelly announced two new locations where face masks can be picked up.

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

Guest Presentation: Catherine Vest from the Indiana Disability Rights Commission provided an opportunity CCA members to learn about the Commission's work. She explained that the Commission, composed of fourteen members that meet quarterly, oversees a staff of twenty-six that work to protect the rights of and serve as advocates for people with disabilities. The agency's work involves community integration, education, employment, investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation and theft, justice, monitoring service providers and voting rights. She explained how these services are performed and what resources are offered.

Indiana Disability Rights serves as the contact for information and referrals, questions concerning voting rights and covid-related questions.

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that the committee has wrapped up the surveying of polling sites. The next surveying project will include the ten Monroe County government sites that lie within the city limits, with hopes of completing the surveying process by the end of October.
- B. Transportation and Mobility Committee: The committee is still in hopes of obtaining a wheelchair accessible vehicle and is also looking into Medicaid Transportation.
- C. Activities and Events Committee: Because the intended speaker for Gather 'Round the Table is no longer available, the October event was canceled. In its place, CCA members will share their thoughts about the book's essays on a discussion board set up by Michelle. Michelle walked members through the process of registering, setting up an account and posting comments. You can reach the discussion board at: <https://gatherroundthetable.freeforums.net/> Also, the last thirty minutes of the October meeting will be reserved to discuss the first essay in the book.

Katie suggested that perhaps the topic of implicit bias might be further studied at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford