



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

Susan Russ opened the meeting by Zoom at 4:00 p.m.

Members: Michelle Hahn, David Carter, John Brady, Cory Mitchell, Zoe Waters, Katie Anderson, Cory Mitchell, Sara Frommer, Susan Russ, Dorothy Lenard, Samuel Dove, Nick Philbeck, Eli McCormick, Stephanie Shelton, and Linda Crawford.

Guest: Larissa Danielle

Staff: Michael Shermis

Intern: Annie Terhune

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Balance in the CCA account is \$3051.18.

Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach: Stone Belt has discontinued in-person services through December 13 because of the Covid virus. Bloomington Transit is continuing to keep the front doors of the buses closed, but will accommodate those needing access through the front door. Nick reported that the recent virtual County summit meeting of BTTC featured Zoe. The video focused on accessibility in Monroe County while conditions surrounding disabilities was a topic of discussion.

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

Guest Presentation: There was no guest presentation.

New Accessibility Concerns: Michael said that he receives accessibility reports if the UReport mentions the word "accessibility."

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Though the committee did not meet prior to the Council's meeting, Michael reported that all surveys of County buildings within the city have been completed and full reports made to county officials. The committee is waiting for the County Commissioners to respond. The jail and courthouse both have restrooms that are not accessible and the parts of the building that the voter registration is in has many accessibility issues. The Council acknowledged that the committee has completed many surveys this year despite the virus.

- B. Transportation and Mobility Committee: The committee is continuing discussion of Medicaid transportation with SoutheasTrans concerning what services they offer and how to go about setting up such a transportation service. They hope to make direct contact with people who would utilize these services. The possibility of volunteer drivers must be considered along with liability concerns. The committee will report the findings to the Council in January or February.
Eli's Friday presentation will discuss how to apply for BT Access and is geared toward caretakers. The presentation will be recorded for future reference.
- C. Activities and Events Committee: Susan commented that plans for 2021 are uncertain at this point, including an April event. One suggestion is to provide guided discussion on essays from *Disability Visibility*, the book purchased for the October event.

Report from the Chair: There was no report from the chair.

Nick and Stephanie led the Council in a continuing discussion on implicit bias. Nick and Stephanie asked Council members to focus on the individual's responsibility and when does one speak up for another. They reminded members that they are available as resources to lead training in implicit bias.

Discussion of the essay *The Freedom to be Loud* led by Zoe concluded the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crawford