



**Council for Community Accessibility Meeting
Notes for February 22, 2021, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Katie Herron opened the meeting by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Members introduced themselves through Chat.

Members: David Carter, John Brady, Susan Russ, Nick Philbeck, Chris Jackson, Christopher Baskins, Eli McCormick, Kelly Clark, Katie Herron and Linda Crawford.

Staff: Michael Shermis

Intern: Annie Terhune

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Balance in the CCA account is \$3051.18. Grant money of \$2000 is not included in the balance; it will be held for the Gather 'Round the Table event in the fall.

Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach: Chris reported that the Monroe County Public Library will reopen tomorrow (after today's unanticipated closure caused by a water main break at 6th and Lincoln). All programs continue to be virtual.

Kelly Clark issued an invitation to all interested persons to attend the next virtual meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission on March 8th at 5:30 pm. The meeting will focus on sidewalks and sidewalk improvement. It would be advantageous for a member of the CCA Transportation Committee to attend this meeting to talk about the upcoming grant the committee is seeking. Michael will send members a zoom link for this meeting.

Report from the City: Michael will include his report within the committee reports.

Guest Presentation: There was no guest presentation.

New Accessibility Concerns: Eli mentioned that he is pursuing the problem of who is responsible for snow removal at bus stops. Although sidewalks are cleared, the paths to the bus stops present a problem following a snow storm. Suggestions from CCA members included checking with Public Works and perhaps an "Adopt a Bus Stop" project. Michael mentioned that if a uReport is made that refers to an accessibility problem, he sends it on to HAND for resolution. Most problems with accessibility issues are residential in nature.

Committee Reports:

- A. Accessibility Committee: Chris reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and reviewed the survey of Chef's Table on Dunn Street. They will receive a decal.

The next committee project is to evaluate websites, beginning with those of restaurants. The committee is working with the IU School of Informatics to establish a survey procedure and will continue to work with help from IU on this project. If food delivery organizations such as DoorDash, Grubhub, are included, should there be a different decal awarded?

- B. Transportation and Mobility Committee: The committee is optimistically awaiting news about a grant that would provide means for holding a Pedestrian Forum sometime in late April or early May. This project would encourage involvement and connection to other committees and commissions.
- C. Activities and Events Committee: Susan reported that a meeting in the near future will discuss how to hold the signature event Breaking Down the Barriers. This virtual event might address the questions of how barriers have changed since virtual programming began and what has been learned as a result of virtual programming. It is hoped that the event would result in collaboration with other groups and explore accessibility concerns that are frequently overlooked. Perhaps, as an outcome, tips for holding virtual meetings could be made available to interested groups. The goal of interconnectivity could be met by inviting other populations and groups to participate in this event. Susan will provide a very limited list of community events to be held in March for Disability Awareness Month and in April for Accessibility Awareness Month. Chris said the Library will also sponsor some activities.

Report from the Chair: Katie reminded members that elections leadership positions will be held at next month's meeting. Email Katie or Michael if you are interested in a particular position or in co-chairing a committee.

Katie reviewed the 2021 goals set at the January meeting; Michael will send out the list of the goals to CCA members.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford