

Council for Community Accessibility
Meeting Notes for June 28, 2021, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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

Members: Michelle Hahn, David Carter, Zoe Waters, Eli McCormick, Iris Kiesling, Katie Herron, James McLary, Susan Seizer, Barbara McKinney, Nick Philbeck, Barbara Salisbury, Zac Hunek, Julie Miller, Sara Frommer, and Linda Crawford.

Guest: Maryann Van Buskirk

Staff: Michael Shermis

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as distributed.

Financial Report: Balance in the CCA account is \$2,721.18.

Partner Organizations Awareness & Outreach: Barbara Salisbury issued an invitation to the 50th anniversary of the American Council for the Blind to be held on August 21st. She will provide Michael with further information for the upcoming CCA newsletter.

Nick Philbeck announced that the Monroe County Summit will be held on October 19th both virtually and in-person. Requests for proposals of topics will be sent out by newsletter and on Facebook.

Report from the city: Zac announced that a year-long micromobility pilot project will commence in September, working in partnership with Uber, Lyft, and BT Access. Details for vouchers need to be worked out as well as marketing strategies.

Eli announced that effective July 1st, Bloomington Transit will be reinstating bus fares. There will front door loading once again and masks will still be required.

Michael reported that also effective July 1st, the city conference rooms will be opening back up. The August CCA meeting will be a hybrid meeting, hopefully using an owl camera that moves around the room rather than remaining stationary. Michael is thinking that a survey of those wishing to attend the August meeting in person will be useful for obtaining a suitable meeting room.

New Accessibility Concerns: Barbara Salisbury commented on the number of low hanging tree branches over sidewalks that are a hazard to visually impaired pedestrians. Although it is the owner's responsibility to trim the overhanging branches, a UReport to the city might encourage the owner to trim the troublesome tree branches.

Committee Reports:

- **Accessibility Committee:** The committee did not meet this month. One survey has been completed, but there is progress in developing the digital survey. More information will be provided next month.
- **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Barbara reported on the June 14th Transportation/Mobility event. It was well attended and included a walking audit. Lunch and a panel discussion concluded the event. The committee is working with the City engineers to improve mobility and transportation within the city. People with disabilities accompanying the engineers on surveys provides the opportunity to highlight problems and areas to be corrected or improved.
- **Activities and Events Committee:** This year's 31st celebration of the ADA will be held on Saturday, July 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the MCPL plaza. Six organizations will participate in providing activities: MCPL, NAMI, Stonebelt, American Council for the Blind, IIDC and the CCA. Those completing 4 of the 5 challenges will be rewarded with a cookie.

Gather 'round the Table is on the calendar tentatively for September 27th at the Convention Center. As this event is still in the planning stage, a speaker has yet to be invited. A couple essays from the book, About Us, will be selected to be read prior to the event. A grant from the Indiana Humanities is providing the financial support for this event.

Guest Presentation: Maryann Van Buskirk who has trained service dogs for thirty years shared helpful information from her experiences.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crawford