

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

Attendees: Marion Huxtable, Travis Rowland, Bonnie Bolster, Leesa Monroe

Absent: Celica Frye, Pat Teal

Guests: Miranda Nash from Jefferson Transit

Additions to Agenda:

- New pedestrian bike path in the county, DASH has been asked to provide a letter of support for the project
- Chimacum post office parking space

Treasurers Report: Regular account \$2634.54, \$10.00 was paid for Washington State non-profit renewal, ER account 478.69. There will be some upcoming charges for website maintenance. September \$56.00 per year for mailbox rental will discuss at upcoming meeting whether there is a need to continue post office box rental.

Minutes: Approved March minutes. Leesa will resend February minutes for review and approval next month

UGN We should know by the next meeting if UGN grant funding was awarded to DASH

Beach wheelchair

The MS group has an annual picnic, Bonnie said if the MS picnic at Fort Worden in August and they could demonstrate beach wheelchair. Picnic is set for Tuesday August 2.

There is 1 beach wheelchair and 1 walker. If there is a capacity problem where more than one person will want to use them at one time ACA would have to approve ordering another one. A question was raised; when is the deadline we need to let them know if we want another one?

The Fort Worden Cantina has agreed to oversee use of chairs; initially available only when the cantina is open. People have to sign a liability waiver when checking out equipment. No one is insuring the chair.

Travis will assemble chairs, Fort Worden will determine process for signing out equipment and start date it will be available. ACA requires that usage of equipment is tracked and reported to Anna. Fort Worden Cantina will open Memorial Day weekend.

ACA will handle marketing of equipment

It would be helpful if the MS group let Fort Worden know they would be interested in having the picnic there. Travis will put the MS group leader in touch with Fort Worden.

Walk and roll event

The purpose of this event is to highlight a recreational walking site for people of all abilities. Fort Worden has an ADA trail featured on their map. Travis will come up with a list of potential sites. Any chosen site will need to have parking. Some suggestions brought up were: Larry Scott Trail by the boatyard but can't get to the beach. Old Fort Worden State Park. If you rent the kitchen at the beach is parking available, restrooms, standard for ability levels. Other discussion was: Maybe 5 different sites. Late summer or fall. Possibly hire an event coordinator. Partner with YMCA

Email issues Bonnie unable to send an email from DASH email. Someone is posing as DASH and sending email to Bonnie, spoofing. Bonnie is working on this issue with Jill's help.

ACA Grant

The restaurant brochures are printed, there are 2000. Last year most of the brochures went to the PT Visitors Center and the Visitors Center on the highway, they did run out.

Brochure holders have been purchased, they hold four brochures. By April 18th we should have the restaurant brochures, the venue brochures, rack cards and the holders. Bonnie will send board members the list of where to distribute brochures.

Web mock up – Marion has drafted some content about links: support groups, public agencies and non-profits (short description of what group provides is only given if the purpose is unclear) and their phone numbers and website if available.

Welcome page, bio page, history page/about, volunteer, services, donation page, testimonials.

ACA meeting next April 18

Possibility of meeting on the first Monday temporarily? Pat asked if the board would talk about changing the meeting to Mondays. The members discussed the idea. Tuesdays work better for Leesa.

Additions to Agenda:

Marian said Jefferson County has asked for a letter of support from DASH for a pedestrian/bike path near Chimacum Primary School on Cedar Street. The path would be in the residential neighborhood then along Hwy 116 with crosswalk and flashing light to go across. The group discussed the idea of combining bicycles and pedestrians. Although mixing pedestrians and bike riders is not ideal the board members voted to support the path as it will improve safety for everyone. A second project is a design only project for pedestrian facilities connecting Carroll Park with Chimacum Crossroads. Marion will draft and send letters of support to the County.

Chimacum post office – parking space next to the ramp, poor location, threshold needed up to sidewalk. Leesa will take photo and send to board members.

Travis and Marian will be meeting with members of the Jefferson County Aquatic Committee about the needs of the disabled.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.