

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

Attendees: Bonnie Bolster, Pat Teal, Travis Rowland, Miranda Nash
Guest: Ken Hanson

Absent: Celica Frye, Leesa Monroe, Marion Huxtable

Introductions:

Additions to Agenda:

Overnight Accommodation Temporary/Permanent

Minutes: Pat moved to approve the minutes and Travis seconds, all approve.

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$5341.42. Emergency acct. balance: \$528.69. Bonnie needs a signature for Chamber of Commerce membership, \$176.10, and remaining balance from regular account of \$195.00 membership fee.

Overnight Accommodations Temporary/Permanent:

Pat an inquiry from Catherine McNabb about accessible accommodations in Port Townsend and in a follow-up she suggested it would be helpful if DASH had a guide to accessible accommodations. Ken Clow would also like DASH to put out a guide for accessible accommodations. The Board discussed different places that maybe accessible.

Travis suggested the new housing development in Port Townsend and if we could advocate for building ADA accessible housing.

Add accessible accommodation to next meeting's agenda.

Board Membership:

Elections: Elections will be held at the June 2017, DASH Board meeting.

Board Recruitment: UGN will be putting together a training for youths to be active participants in non-profit boards. Travis would like to bring some people to DASH.

Goals: Bonnie sent Travis an email about a program that will train non-profits how to do promotional videos.

Jefferson Healthcare:

DASH preformed an evaluation of Jefferson Healthcare's recent improvements on Jan. 16, 2017. Marion and Travis wrote a letter to JHC about the improvements. Pat thought all the suggestions were good and it was a very positive letter.

One of the requests was for a light at the Jefferson Transit bus stop. Miranda asked for Pat to put in a request to Transit directly.

Marion will ask The Jefferson County Council for the Blind to look over the letter for before sending it in to the hospital.

ACAC:

The next ACAC meeting is 2-13-17, 1-3:00 pm, in Coyle.

Bonnie asked about the fairgrounds evaluation that ACAC had requested DASH to do. Pat said they discussed the evaluation at the last meeting but nothing was decided upon.

UGN:

Grant Reports: Marion and Travis attended the UGN partner meeting. UGN had a presentation about how Stories help donors connect with the cause for donation. UGN would like stories from its partner agencies. Travis suggested that as we work on projects to collect testimonials and stories from people. Travis will also write the report about the progress of the current project.

Application 2018:

UGN needs to know if we are going to be applying for next year. Travis and Pat agreed about not applying for money at this time but continuing to use the volunteer services and tools.

Inclusive Recreation:

Goals: Travis would like to get some volunteers to go walk some trails and do some evaluations. Pat would like a copy of the evaluation sheets.

Bonnie would like to narrow down the project/event. Travis would like to continue the “walking” project, and suggest benches at Fort Worden. Bonnie wanted to know what the main event might be. Travis suggested we ask the community what kind of event they would like, and Pat said we could also give them the projects and have them fill out surveys for where our priorities should be. The group discussed the Rhody Festival events and how DASH can participate.

Tools: Travis suggested we use the Inclusive Recreation funds to purchase some evaluation tools. Pat said Marion had suggested an official ADA evaluation toolkit approximately \$700.00. Travis would also like to get a folding table.

NMTB Walking and Trails Map: Pat brought samples of the walking map to share with the board.

ADA traffic pedestrian signals:

Ken said using the stop lights in Port Townsend on Sims Way, for people with visual impairments is difficult. The Pedestrian crossing chirps at you, but you can't tell which direction it is telling you it is safe to walk. Ken said they do making poles with audible and vibrating directional indicators. Pat said the city is re-doing all the curb cuts down town to Tyler and the

Ferry Dock, the state is re-doing all of sims way. The hope is to get improvements to the traffic controls at the Co-Op and Safeway Intersections.

Travis would like to include Ken's feedback with DASH's feedback on the pedestrian signals to the city.

Other Business:

DASH Website: Travis said there is a number of items in the website Que and wanted to know if there was any changes.

Chamber of Commerce: Pat will go to one of the CoC lunches a month. (Two a month) Travis would like to come up with an announcement.

PT Sidewalk Curb Cut Priority List:

Marion put together a priority list and is looking for feedback before she sends the list.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, 2017, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, at the Community Center.