Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

Attendees: Marion Huxtable, Travis Rowland, Bonnie Bolster, Miranda Nash, Pat Teal,

Jack McCreary

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe.

Guests: Aaron Goodman, City of Port Townsend

Introductions:

Aaron Goodman building official for city of Port Townsend building department. He is a new to port townsend,

Additions to Agenda:

Port Townsend Winery Site Evaluation

Add an agenda Item for Public meeting updates

Lodgings brochure

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes:

Marion moves to approves, jack seconds, pat would like the voters meeting changed to meeting twice a year.

Treasurers Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$. Emergency acct. balance: \$7.77. Bonnie will starting emailing the full financial report. Bonnie needs a second signature for reimbursing Deb for backpack supplies, DASH foam board and easel.

Bonnie emailed the financial report.

Website:

Travis followed up with Jill for the recreation page, quoted \$300-500. Travis would like to choose a backup person for the website, or hire Jill for things that are urgent. There a few things in the que for web updates.

Marion asked about the blog previews showing a sentence and then read more. She thinks that showing the full article is too lengthy.

Bonnie added a bit more information to the change form, for DASH website update procedure.

Pat asked about the UGN volunteer hour's tracker.

Board Member Elections:

Marion emailed Celia about maintaining board status, but has not received a response.

Pat spoke with (woman running for hosp commissioner) Her sister may be interested in joining DASH.

Travis asked nominations; Pat for president, Bonnie for treasure, Miranda for secretary, Travis nominated Marion for vice president.

All vote, and approved new office positions.

Marion inquired about other board new board members. Travis mentioned Kelly may still be interested.

UGN parade entry:

Jack represented DASH in the Rhody Parade UGN entry. Bonnien will be storing the posters. Marion and Travis have pictures for the website.

City of PT:

Aaron would like to form a partnership or working relationship with DASH about the city of Port Townsend access issues. AHJ (authority having jurisdiction) representative.

Aaron explained where Jessie received his information, and is not wrong, but interpretation of the standard in the ADAG which is a general guideline of the standard and has a broader coverage of information.

Code is enforced by the state refers to standard

Standard provides detailed information

And guidelines (ADAG, ADA Guidelines) is a guideline, manual, or interpretation of the standard.

Aaron reviewed the information Jessie at the winery sent to dash about the ADA accessible guidelines for parking surface textures and density. "Do not have to pay but must be firm stable and slip resistant."

Jessie is looking at the general guidelines, and there are places you can use different materials, Aaron cleared up the reason for the city's request for a stable service that compact gravel.

Jack asked if the City enforces upgrades on existing buildings or businesses that are not up to code.

Aaron stated that ADA is enforced by the public, by filing complaints with the DOJ, the city enforces building codes which adopts, "" 17.1 an equivalent standard that the building code has adopted from the ADA,

Pat stated that usually pre-existing buildings only need to upgrade their ADA standards if they are remodeling their building to a certain percentage. Aaron stated that 20% of the overall fee needs to go to bringing ADA up to date. Usually starts with a parking lot then to the bathroom. Creating an ADA pathway for compliancy.

Marion wanted to speak about the winery. Aaron stated the winery submitted a revised plan and they will be installing pavers in the parking area. The winery has asked DASHs input on a 200 ft. path to the right of way on the road. Aaron stated it is the dept. of public works that would determine.

Recommended if we test the trail, to re-test in 6 mo. and form the conclusion based on those results.

Evaluations:

Bonnie suggested that the if DASH does an evaluation that it will be for the entire building and the trails. Marion would like to know the parking accommodations for buses. Measuring the parking spaces, pavers.

Travis and Marion have volunteered to do the evaluation next week. Marion will bring the eval tools.

Jessie is the construction design consultant.

Step Up:

Pat said they have 88 people signed up. Registration for the summer class is closed, there will be a fall class. Travis will take down the Step-up sign up information from the DASH website.

Hospital Hearing Loops & Ramp:

Marion said the evaluation the Hospital hearing loops was a success. They took five people with a variety of hearing levels. The registration desk, emergency were tested for all five individuals, the staff was great, and helpful. There were headsets for the portable hearing loop to be tested as well. The conference room was also tested, it does not have a loop and is needs work for

people with hearing issues. The group provided feedback, and the hospital will use the feedback to fix the problem.

Find out about getting multiple portable loops to address the in room doctor patient communications.

Inclusive Recreation:

Trails evaluation

Public Meetings update:

Accessible Voting:

ACAC Meeting:

Pat said the meeting discussed a large list of potential grantees for 45,000 dollars. Marion noticed that the majority of grant requesters are public entities.

Marion suggested in the informational rack card does not get funded that DASH would publish it. About the beach wheelchair

Chamber Luncheon:

Meet the Candidates:

Lodgings brochure:

Bonnie wants a list put together for the lodgings to be evaluated. Bonnie would like the brochure to include an area map showing locations. She does not think there will be more than 7-8. Could be partially accessible if accessible for walkers.

Pat and bonnie will get together and create a list.

Monroe St. and water St. Stop Sign:

Jack has brought this issue to the City about a month ago. If you drive down Monroe to water, there is a stop sign, but there is a sign underneath saying if returning right no need to stop. Jack proposed to the city to take down the second sign. He has not received a definitive answer. Travis asked about the same sign on Washington, my marina (behind harbor side) there is less foot traffic. Pat would like Jack to go the non-motorized transportation advisory board.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.