

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH)

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 7th, 2017, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

Attendees: Bonnie Bolster, Pat Teal, Travis Rowland, Miranda Nash, Marion Huxtable
Guests; Deb Reithmeyer, Carol McCreary, Jack McCreary.

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe.

Introductions:

Deb Reithmeyer

Carol McCreary

Jack McCreary

Review of Action Items:

Cotton Building outside Doors: Marion has been contact with Brenda Burke, Lead Operator of Facilities with the City of Port Townsend. Marion tested the doors and the pressure is now acceptable.

PT Sidewalk and Curb Cut Improvements Feedback: Marion completed the priority suggestions and submitted them to the city. She has not heard back from them yet.

Jefferson Healthcare Feedback: Submitted suggestions from the tour of the Hospital and submitted them to the Hospital.

Dash Website Traffic Review: Travis contacted Jill about the installation of Jetpack on The DASH Website. Board agreed to install Jetpack.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Indicators for the Visually Impaired: Ken Hanson was a guest at last month's meeting, and made a recommendation to DASH to advocate for improvements to PT crosswalks indicators for visually impaired. As well as a sidewalk in-between QFC and Thomas Street Roundabout. Pat is on the Transportation Board and she will find out when the state is ready for input on the improvements.

Minutes:

Travis moves to approve minutes, all approve.

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$5,126.00. Regular account funds available \$3266.08, before Marion's check and after Bench Donations check. Emergency acct. balance: \$528.69.

Bonnie acquired second signatures for the \$10.00 fee to Washington Non-Profit annual report, and reimbursement to Marion of \$52.71, for the bench related expenses.

PLUSH:

Carol McCreary the new Kitsap North Viking Transfer Center does not have a public restroom. Carol would like DASH to advocate for a bathroom. Travis would like to know what DASH can do, Carol recommends, that we speak out to Kitsap Transit online, write to the Kitsap Board of Commissioner and Members of Kitsap Transit Citizens Advisory Committee, Get Jefferson Transit's Board Support.

Marion would like to get the PHLUSH blog information on DASH Website. Travis would like carol to send him a link to her blog.

Physical Access Evaluation Tools:

Marion and Bonnie did research on ADA evaluation Toolkits. Travis would like to appoint one or two experts and decide on a discretionary budget and purchase the tools. Marion would like to decide on which tools we want. Pat nominated Bonnie and Marion, Travis Second. The Budget is set for up to \$500.00. Travis suggests that DASH also purchase a camera as part of our tools kit to document events and evaluations.

Jefferson Healthcare Bench Dedication:

Blog Update:

Travis would like to have a process and document changes made to the website. Any changes need to be introduced at the meeting. The board would need to agree, and a change document filled out by someone. Travis will make the changes, and have it tested by the board.

Department of Emergency Management:

STEP-UP: Deb Reithmeyer is the head of Community Operations for Emergency Management of Jefferson County. STEP-UP Is Special Training in Emergency Preparedness for Unique People, Deb is proposing that they do 6 free, 1.5 hour classes for 4 weeks in June, and have the participation for each class at 25. The program is designed for people with impairments, however there will also be a seminar in the fall exclusively for caregivers.

Funds Management: DASH is custodian of STEP-UP Program funds. Deb put together a donation form, for people to donate to the STEP-UP program, through DASH. Bonnie will edit the form to include the DASH logo and tax ID number, and send it back to Deb.

Inclusive Recreation:

Goals: Travis would like to produce an information resource of walking opportunities for people of all abilities. Travis would like to engage people who already utilize the walking trails and have them fill out evaluation forms and teach them what to look for. The vision is to publish the information gathered on the website and create printed materials for all abilities walking opportunities. Travis would like to mention that DASH is seeking volunteers at the Chamber of Commerce luncheons.

Transportation Lab Forum:

On March 23, 2017 at 7-9 pm there will be a community value and transportations public forum to discuss the bigger picture for transportation options in Jefferson County and expectations for transportation as it fits individual lifestyles in the county. Marion would like propose that DASH be a Sponsor of the Transportation Lab. Marion would also like to get the blog on the DASH website before March 23rd so Jack can mention it at the Lab.

Accessible Accommodation:

Marion spoke with Magdalen at the Visitor's Center about DASH creating a brochure for ADA accessible accommodations. Magdalen said she would talk to the Chamber of Commerce, and how to set up the program for evaluation. Travis would like to approach this as a partnership with the businesses and see if they are open to being in the guide.

Board Membership:

Elections held at June board meetings:

Pat would like to propose a bylaw change to have a vice president in charge of correspondence.

Travis suggested someone review which officers are required, and Pat thinks that for a nonprofit the required positions are a Treasurer and a President.

Board Recruitment: Travis would like us to continue to recruit volunteers.

Chamber of Commerce: Marion sent in an article about DASH as a new member. Pat would also like to include something about the accessible accommodations brochure.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 4th, 2017, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, at the Community Center.