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.

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe.

Guests: Jack McCreary

Additions to Agenda:

Hospital Hearing Loops Hospital Ramp

Action Items:

Meeting Minutes:

Pat motioned to approve the April minutes, Bonnie seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$5289.87. Emergency acct. balance: \$330.69. Bonnie will starting emailing the full financial report.

Website:

Travis met with Jill to discuss an accessible trails page on the website, and ways to engage the community for evaluations and feedback. Travis also reached out to UGN, they would be happy to help but the process must me simple and easy to use, such as a web or mobile application.

Marion wanted to review blog postings and the procedure to apply blog posts to the website. Bonnie would like to see if the information on the website have a date stamp. Travis would like to keep this item on the agenda.

Bonnie would like the timeline for Jill completed by summer.

ADA Toolkit:

DASH purchased a camera & accessories, push/pull pressure gage, 25ft tape measure, smart level, carrying case, and storage tool bag for the ADA evaluations tool kit. Bonnie also created a quick reference card.

Step-Up:

The classes were moved to seaport landing because of the number of sign up received, all sign ups need to be submitted by June 1st. There will also be a class for caregivers later in the year.

Key City Theater Golf Cart:

Marion check for possible places for a golf cart, none of them are willing to rent a golf cart. She will check with the Jamestown Golf Club. Bonnie suggested to ask the golf clubs to post a message to their members about the need for a cart.

Travis said Cassie Reeves from ECCHO was also interested in getting a golf cart and suggested Marion contact her. Marion will ask the Theater to post a request on their Facebook.

Inclusive Recreation:

Update on the review of the following trails: Fort Worden, Fort Flagler, Chetzemoka Park, Fort Townsend, Kai Tai, Larry Scott Portage and Jefferson Land Trust. Marion can do Chetzemoka Park, and Larry Scott Portage. Travis can do Fort Flagler, and Bonnie can try some of the smaller trails in her scooter. Travis will print some evaluation forms. Bonnie would like the evaluations dated. Pat would like to ask the Port Townsend Audubon bird watchers to help evaluate.

Marion said that Friends of Fort Worden have published their Fort Worden trails evaluations on their website.

Board Membership:

Next month is board members elections. Travis knows a gentlemen, Kelly, who may be interested in joining and has invited him to come to a board meeting. Marion is going to contact Celia to encourage her to attend occasionally. Bonnie knows someone who she will invite.

Marion would like to ask Jack if he would be willing to join as a board member. Bonnie moved to appoint Jack as a board member, Travis second, all approve.

Rhody Parade:

Rhody Grand parade is Sunday, May 20th, 2017. Jack volunteered to be DASH's representative in the UGN parade section.

Accessible Voting:

Pat mentioned an advisory committee for the County Auditor's office for accessible voting, that meets once a year. Jack would like the information added to the DASH website. Marion would

like Pat to write up a post for the blog, and Travis would like to know what information should be included on the website.

Hospital Hearing Loops & Ramp:

Marion and a group of individuals with different levels of hearing ability will be meeting at the Hospital today at 2:30 pm. They will be testing out the hospitals hearing loops in reception and emergency, as well as their portable loop.

Pat mentioned there were a few complaints made in the transportation values meeting at the Utilitarian Church about the ramp at the hospital. The ramp is long, and is intimidating. Miranda suggested DASH inquire with Jefferson Transit and the hospital about the best way to get people into the main entrance of the hospital.

June meeting, Travis would like to have a picnic for a board meeting this summer.

Next meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2017 at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.