

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Aug 6, 2019, Noon to 1:45 at the Community Center

Attendees: Miranda Nash, Pat Teal, Marion Huxtable, Nancy Johnson,
John Frasca, Jack McCreary.

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe, Dave Griffiths.

Guests: Nancy Villigran: JCCB,

Minutes

May Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

John prepared the financial statement for UGN application and submitted the application. John has also prepared the DASH budget for 2020. John review DASH's PayPal account, updated contact information and reviewed transaction fees. John is now an authorized signature on the DASH bank account and would like to obtain a debit card for DASH- the board voted and approved. \$10.00 is owed to Bonnie's estate for DASH's annual renewal with the state. John will contact Korlyn Bolster. Emergency account: \$27.77. Regular account: \$5,551.88.

A \$75.00 donation was deposited into the DASH checking account. The board signed a thank you card for Stacy Prada's donation to DASH.

ACAC Meeting Review

Pat and John attended the ACAC meeting. Alex Wisinski also attended and requested funding for the Chetzemoka park restrooms. Marion stated the restroom signs are still defaced. Pat spoke with Joan Best- a volunteer on the Fort Worden advisory Committee about adding a page to the DASH website about accessibility in Fort Worden. Pat suggested that the Fort should develop their own webpage on accessibility and DASH would link to it on their website. Fort Worden is working on putting together a brochure for the beach wheelchair and is requesting funding for the purchase of assistive listening devices.

Haller Fountain

Marion met with Samantha Trone for the City of Port Townsend regarding the steps at Haller Fountain. The city plans to make the sidewalk level with the steps and adjust the grade of the sidewalk around the steps.

Post Office

The Board discussed the issue of inaccessibility of the Port Townsend Post Office. It was noted that Rep. Derek Kilmer's office has not responded to DASH's repeated invitations to meet with DASH to discuss this issue. When Rep. Kilmer attends the Democratic Fish Feast, Pat will discuss the issue with him. The Board will send post cards to Kilmer's Washington DC office asking him to support legislation to provide oversight of the Postal Service and require that all post offices be accessible.

Democratic Request with plan for Accessibility

Pat received a request from the Jefferson County Democrats for DASH to provide assistance in developing a policy regarding accessibility of meetings. The Board decided to refer them to the DASH website and brochures, all of which identify accessible venues.

All County Picnic

DASH will not participate in the All County Picnic this year due to it being held on Sunday, when Dial a Ride service is unavailable. The Board was asked to contact event organizers, requesting that events not be held on Sundays or any other time or place that Jefferson Transit's Dial a Ride and fixed route bus services do not serve.

Chamber Luncheons

Pat invited Board members to attend the Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce luncheon on August 19 at the Commons at Fort Worden. She also mentioned the ACAC being held on September 23 at the Tri-County Community Center (which it was noted is not accessible).

Port Townsend Pool

The Port Townsend Pool has received funds to upgrade the facility. Currently, there are no appropriate changing facilities for people who need assistance from the other gender for dressing. For example, mothers assisting boys must use the women's changing area. It was noted that Sarah Grossman is the contact for the project.

Jefferson Co. Accessibility Evaluation Request

As a follow-up to the County's request to assess its facilities, Marion suggested sending Mark McCauley, Jefferson County Administrator, the one-page proposal from DASH, which outlines how to proceed. Marion agreed to invite him to the September Board meeting. The County must identify employees who DASH will train to assess county facilities and discuss how to proceed. DASH will select appropriate facilities to assess.

Bonnies Computer

The Board discussed disposition of the MacIntosh computer that DASH inherited from Bonnie Bolster. Nancy will investigate how to clean and dispose of the computer.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.