

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2018, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

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

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe, Dave Griffiths, Bonnie Bolster

Guests: Alex Wisniewski from City of Port Townsend

Alex W., City Parks and Recreation:

DASH sent their recommendations to Alex Wisniewski regarding restroom access at Chetzamoca. DASH recommended five items in their report. Alex stated that two major factors were signage and the tarmac. The restroom signage is scheduled to be replaced in 2019. The city has plans to display a welcome “kiosk” at each park entrance that would include park rules and a map of the park marking the restroom location. Marion suggested the bathroom signage for individuals approaching the restrooms should clearly indicate male, female, and ADA. Signage should be at a height that is ADA accessible.

Alex stated that once the kiosk layout and maps are designed DASH may review and provide feedback. Alex will contact Pat.

The City has the replacement of the tarmac and providing additional accessible pathways to the restroom improvements listed and it is possible it may be on the 2019 budget.

Pat Teal would like pictures of the automatic doors being installed at Mountain View to be added to the DASH website. Alex stated they should be operating by the end of the year.

Pat suggested the City apply for funding through ACAC.

Marion and John F. visited Kai Tai, and the trail is much better, there are a few spots that may need more work.

Alex has an additional suggestion; the City and the NMTB are in the process of updating the non-motorized plan, there is a section for design standards for trails, and Alex would like DASH to review the design standards and make recommendations if needed, and identify trail accessibility within the city limits, and make recommendations for improvements. Pat will provide Alex with DASH’s trail evaluation form.

Minutes:

Marion’s moved to approve November’s minutes, Pat seconds, all approved.

Jack would like to request a clear indication on follow up items in the minutes. *Miranda will format follow up items in the minutes.*

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$ 3517.68. Emergency acct. balance: \$27.77.

Pat checked on the check for JCCB, it has been deposited.

Giving Assistant:

Pat is going to share the DASH giving assistant link on Social Media.

Marion signed up for the giving assistant and had no problems.

ACAC Grant Proposal:

The ACAC will be awarding the funding for projects in January.

Post Office Updates:

The ACLU responded to DASH and stated they are unable to help. Marion has written twice to Colleen Bryan and has not received a response. Pat called Kilmer's office and has not hear back. Jack proposed a letter he would like to send to Kilmer's Office requesting a meeting with the letter published in the PT Leader attached. Nancy moves to send Jacks proposed letter to Kilmer's office.

Jack has not received a response regarding the ABA complaint he filed. Pat has not heard back from Bob Gray regarding the City's efforts.

Jack sent a letter to New Mobility Magazine regarding the "legacy" Post Office problem.

Marion suggested that DASH add the photo of the post office to the DASH website.

Marion will follow up about the certified letter that DASH has not received.

Chetzemoka Interpretive Trail:

Marion suggested DASH coordinate with Lys Burden and Celeste Dybeck on the new Chetzamoca trail.

Pat will reach out and invite Lys Burden and Celeste Dybeck to attend a DASH meeting to discuss.

Abilitrac:

Marion checked out Abilitrac and thinks it is a great organization. However, DASH cannot link to a Private for-profit organization based on its bylaws. Marion suggested that Abilitrac may be able to provide links to DASH's website and resources.

Marion will follow up with Abilitrac.

Museum Follow Up:**Gas Station Assistance:**

Pat has not talked to any other gas stations, other than Safeway.

Pat will follow up with the other gas stations.

Website Updates:

- Discovery Bay Brewery Evaluation- Needs to be written out.
- ADA coordinators-Greg Lanning- Public Works Director, Central services director in the links section.
- Accessible Voting- *Pat will send out the Link.*
- County Dept. of Emergency Management- waiting to hear back from Willie Bence. Pat has not heard back from Willie Bence. *Pat will follow up with him.*
- Links to new ACAC website. *Pat will send out the Link.*
- *Marion will review broken links on the website.*
- *Nancy will find out if we can post her letter that was published in the Leader on the DASH website.*

Follow up Items Recap:

- Add pictures of the automatic doors being installed at Mountain View to the DASH website (should be completed at the end of 2018)
- DASH to review the City's and the NMTB's non-motorized plan's design standards for trails.
- Add the photo of the post office to the DASH website.
- Marion will follow up with the certified letter that DASH has not received from the Post Office.
- Pat will reach out and invite Lys Burden and Celeste Dybeck to attend a DASH meeting to discuss the Chetzemoka Trail.
- Marion will follow up with Abilitrac.

Next Meeting:

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