

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018, noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

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

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe, Dave Griffiths

Additions to Agenda:

- Service Animals at Community Center
- Electronic Signatures

Minutes:

Marion wrote up the minutes for September and sent them out. Jack moves to approve September minutes, all approve. October Minutes need to be reviewed and are set for approval in December meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$ 3510.27. Emergency acct. balance: \$27.77. DASH received a check from Assisted Giving in the amount of \$7.41. Jack moves to approve, Pat seconds, all approve.

Marion would like to add information about the giving assistant on the DASH website.

Electronic Signatures:

Nancy suggested we look into digital signatures that will make sending out letters and forms easier. Miranda will look into digital signatures.

ACAC project proposal:

The ACAC voted on 11 different projects. DASH's project is about halfway down the list, so it is possible that DASH's project will be funded.

Post Office updates, ABA complaint:

Pat spoke with Bob Gray from the City of PT, and he is going to find out about what the city did 10 years ago. Jack commented that the recent dialog with the post office is disappointing. Decisions about ADA improvements are a problem at a national level and the ABA seems to be the only barrier to making ADA improvements to the post office. Marion had researched for other Post Offices with accessibility issues, and contacted a few groups and is waiting for a response. Marion has also contacted the Civil Liberties Union. Pat Teal will contact Kilmer's Office, Marion will contact the ACLU and Patty Murrays office and Jack will file another ABA complaint with the American Access board.

Chetzemoka updates:

Marion is waiting to hear back from Alex. Marion will write Alex, next week, to follow up. The restroom is closed for the winter. The restroom sign has been cleaned up a little bit. Marion would like to get a schedule for repairs of the tarmac and signage updates. Parts of the tarmac has been pathed, but there are still very problematic areas that cannot be fixed. Marion contacted the Boeing Bluebills, however; they could not do it. She also contact the Rotary, and they may be able to do it and will bet back to Marion. Pat suggested involving the City Parks and Recreation Tree Advisory Committee.

Abilitrek:

Abilitrek is a non-profit based in Bellingham where people with disabilities can check out public locations and report about accessibility issues. They requested a connection with DASH. Marion would like to have both organizations link to each other. Marion will follow up with Abilitrek.

Gas station assistance:

Pat had contacted Safeway about assistance, Safeway does offer assistance. Pat will call around to other gas stations and see if they also provide this service.

Website updates:

- Discovery Bay Brewery Evaluation
 - ADA coordinators-Greg Lanning- Public Works Director, get other name from Pat.
 - Accessible Voting- link from Pat.
 - County Dept. of Emergency Management- waiting to hear back from Willie Bence.
 - Links to new ACAC website
 - Broken Links Marion
 - New brochure to home page.
- Changes to art gallery on arts and entertainment brochure.

Service Animals at Community Center:

The sign coming into the Community Center states service animals need to be documented or registered, which does not align with the law. Pat will follow up with the community center regarding the misinformation on the sign.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.