

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Oct 1, 2019, Noon to 2:00 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: Alex Wisniewski, Mark McCauley, Sarah Grossman

Minutes:

Miranda sent out the completed minutes for August. The group will review the minutes for August and review for approval at the next meeting. September minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

John stated that we no longer need two signatures for writing checks according to the Bank.

John has received the new debit card for the First Federal DASH account, and has called to make sure the contact address on the account is updated. DASH received donation for \$30.00, from Korlyn Bolster.

Sarah Grossman:

JUMP- received an anonymous donation for \$50k, however is still looking to match the donation for the Accessible playground project.

Salish Coast- worked as physical therapist during the first year of the new schools operation. The new construction meets ADA requirements but not the most functional. Made a list of areas that need attention or to be reviewed for safety. The ramp has railings on part of the ramp but not the entire ramp, they added timber "bumpers" which may be more unsafe. They added more railings over the summer. Pat stated the need for railings is dependent on the rise of the ramp. Visitors and volunteers visiting the school have expressed difficulty using the long ramps. Sarah would like DASH to contact the school and provide feedback/input. DASH will make a plan of action to follow up with the school.

Alex Wisniewski, City of PT, Parks, Rec, and Community Services Director

Alex stated the City is updating the Parks and Recreation Plan and provided a handout- on their PROS plan- similar to the city's comprehensive plan the PROs plan focuses on the department and the facilities, equipment, and programs they provide. The assessment

includes obtaining feedback from the community- in October they are reaching out to the community for feedback on 10/11 and 10/12 through public workshops at the Cotton building and an online needs assessment survey. The development of the plan will be identifying the gaps between what the city has and what the community wants, and finding ways to bridge that gap. Plan completed and approved early in 2020.

Mark McCauley, Facilities Director and ADA Coordinator Jefferson County

DASH sent a plan to Mark regarding how evaluations of the county facilities should be conducted. Mark stated the plan looks good and the county would be able to obtain the necessary tools to conduct the evaluations. Matt Court is the new facilities foreman and he agreed it is time to resurvey the county's facilities. Mark would like to put together a schedule and start evaluating at least one facility a month. Mark would like to begin by prioritizing high traffic facilities to be evaluated first- Have the community center as the first evaluation, which DASH would provide training on how to evaluate for each category- then the County would continue to conduct evaluations and refer to DASH with questions. Marion provided Mark with a complete 2010 standard for accessible design and the shortlist that DASH uses for evaluations. Mark will have Matt reach out to Marion to begin scheduling the evaluations.

ACAC Meeting Update- Next meeting November 25, 1 – 3 pm

The ACAC ranked all the project proposals submitted for funding. The community center and the restrooms at Chetzemoka were ranked high. Widening sidewalks at the fairgrounds and assistive listening devices for Fort Worden was also ranked high in the list of projects.

The bill for DASH's Accessible cismahan Trail brochures has been submitted to the ACAC. Pat stated DASH has more time regarding reporting.

A survey was conducted at the Port Townsend Film Festival regarding the assistive listening devices and accessibility.

Chamber Luncheon Debrief-

Next luncheon October 21 at Commons, Fort Worden. Topic: Behavioral Health

Marion and John attended the Chamber luncheon. At the previous luncheon, Marion asked Jake, the Director of the NW Maritime center, about sponsoring programs for individuals

with disabilities or designing programs to be inclusive - If DASH has ideas or suggestions to bring them to Jake.

Active Transportation Advisory Board

Next meeting 10/3, at 4:30 pm. Alex stated at the meeting that due to staff shortage the work on the baby buggy trail has not been addressed. Samantha Trone is no longer with the City, so the plans for the Haller Fountain Stairs are unknown. Marion suggested that DASH continue to monitor the progress over the next two months.

Reminders

UGN Giving Brochure (with DASH included) launched Nov 1. Send your contacts emails to Marion so we can send a notice to them. UGN sent Pat an email wanting to attend their Give Jefferson event on Oct 16th or 17th in Port Hadlock. Marion will try to attend on the 17th.

Records Retention & Website updates

Miranda will go through and make sure all the approved minutes for 2019 are uploaded to the website. Marion will go through the website and identify the broken links that need to be updated/fixed.

Next Meeting:

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