

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe, John Frasca, Dave Griffiths

Additions to Agenda:

Restrooms at Chetzamoca Park

Minutes:

Marion will send out the minutes again to those who have not viewed them. Pat moves to approve September minutes. All approve.

Treasurer's Report:

DASH regular acct. balance: \$ 3478.92.

Emergency acct. balance: \$7.77. Balance reflects rotating \$20 to avoid inactive account fees. In 2019, the \$20 will be returned to regular account if no activity by April 1st, 2019.

\$130.00 check to Jill Beaumont for various website tasks is ready for a second signature.

- **Email- Giving Assistant:** Bonnie did some research on the Giving Assistant program, an organization that allows individuals to donate their cash back rewards to non-profits. The program utilizes E-checks. DASH would like to get more information on how the program works and what the requirements are.
- **ACAC project proposal:** ACAC committee met 10/1/2018 and rated, project proposals. DASH's proposal was rated 11/14. There is a chance that DASH's proposal for brochure printing will be funded.

Pat moves to approve treasures' report. All approve.

Running Effective Meetings Seminar:

Pat attended a seminar hosted by the city for running effective meetings. Pat gathered some tips and techniques, including Roberts Rules of Order, to make DASH's meetings more effective and efficient. Pat stated that there is a new law that states that non-profits can vote through email so long as the vote is unanimous and everyone votes. Bonnie asked about DASH's bylaws, and the rules about voting.

Request from Transportation Lab, re: transit board:

Richard Dandridge, from the T-Lab, is requesting DASH to support the T-Lab in requesting the

expansion of the composition of the Jefferson Transit Authority Board. Miranda suggested that DASH review this request and determine how this proposal aligns with DASH's mission statement. Pat will find out more information regarding T-Labs request.

Post Office next steps and release form for Kilmer's Office:

Nancy suggested that DASH come up with a strategy in addressing the post office accessibility. During the last project to address the Post Office accessibility, Bonnie had filed a complaint under the ABA, and the results came back that the post office is not covered by the ABA. Jack suggested that DASH follow up with this and determine if this still does not apply. Nancy suggested contact the ARC to see if they are aware of any organizations that may be working on similar access issues. Pat suggested two other avenues that DASH may pursue other than the follow up with Murray & Cantwell, by contacting other advocacy groups for support and/or contacting the city again. Marion stated that DASH has not heard from Colleen Bryan, with Patti Murray's. Not response from Cantwell's Office.

Next Steps:

- Kilmer's office is requesting a release of information. Pat will complete the form and submit it to Mary Jane from Kilmer's Office
- Contact Colleen Bryan
- Contact advocacy groups at the state level.
- Waiting for the response for PO for the feasibility report for the ramp.
- Pat suggested a letter to the editor for the paper. Marion would like to invite Kilmer for a site visit to the Post Office. Nancy suggested DASH attend Kilmer's public meetings. Pat will contact Toby at the governors committee.

Pat moves to approve implement DASH's action plan and to continue to pursue steps in addressing access issues at the post office. All approve.

Bonnie left meeting 12:55pm.

Restrooms at Chetzamoca Park:

Marion had contacted the park and they said that these items were on list for maintenance/ repair. No changes/ improvements have been made. Marion made an offer to meet with Chetzamoca to do a site visit at Chetzamoca, and has not heard anything back. Marion followed up today with a letter (see email) stating that DASH would like to meet B with maintenance at Chetzamoca park. Pat will contact Alex and discuss Chetzamoca bathrooms. John, Marion, and Jack will attend the meeting.

Pat moves to approve Marion pursue this project. Nancy seconds. All approve.

Responding to DASH emails:

1) Getting to Glass Beach: Marion thinks the requester may need physical assistance, which DASH does not have a solution. Nancy will follow up and consult with Marion before responding.

2) Transportation survey for social service providers: No Response Needed.

3) Link to Students with Disabilities Guide: Pat suggested that DASH add the link to the website.

4) Jefferson nonprofit fair. Sat. 9-2, here: Pat will try to attend the non-profit fair. Pat suggested DASH apply to be a part of the fair next year.

5) Gas station assistance: DASH has reviewed this issue before, and found that some gas stations are reluctant to assist with pumping gas. DASH will follow up and contact local gas stations. Miranda will write an email that states DASH will review and follow up.

6) Youth activities--Skill nation website; No relevance to DASH

7) Link---National Center on Health, Physical Activity, and Disability: Add link to website.

Other needed links and website updates: Under resources

1. Council for the Blind: Update Nancy Villagran
2. Discovery Bay Brewing: add online version of entertainment brochure under entertainment.
3. Add links for the City and County ADA coordinators.
4. County Auditor's Office, accessible voting: Look at brochure.
5. County Department of Emergency Management, Project Lifesaver, and other relevant emergency preparedness websites:
6. Link to new ACAC website: Find new website; google it
7. Homepage--add our link to new brochure
8. Other--broken links, section links? Marion is reviewing the broken links.

New brochure distribution and publicity:

Pat needs more of the lodging guide. Update Bonnie with distribution and if in need of more Brochures.

Accessible Voting Advisory Committee--Oct 9, 3pm NMTB Oct 4, 4:30 ACAC meeting Nov 19, 1-3 pm Chamber of Commerce luncheons--Oct. 15 NAMI, Noon Fort Worden Commons

Next meeting:

Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.