

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

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

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

Guests: David Codier, Gloria Lehnert, Bob Lehnert.

Additions to Agenda: Post Office

Minutes:

December minutes voted and approved. No meeting in January 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's Report, as John Frasca is not in attendance.

Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations

David Codier works for Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. David is working on where Jefferson County can improve for disaster preparedness. Jefferson County has limited resources, and a lot of the emergency preparation will be within neighborhoods and communities.

David is here to gather information and feedback from DASH:

- What are the mobility issues that DASH has observed in the community?
- How has the community already prepared for disaster?

Pat commented on the Step-up program and DASH's involvement in helping support the program, and help with fundraising.

Nancy asked about assisted living facilities and their requirements for having a back-up plan;

David stated there are regulations for these facilities to have an emergency/evacuation plan.

David asked if DASH knows if there is a plan in place for checking on vulnerable people during an emergency. He stated that he knows there are neighborhood organizations that have developed plans- Bob commented on his neighborhood's system.

David asked about medical supply reserves and how well people are planning for that- Pat commented on insurance restrictions on certain medications.

Pat stated that individual neighborhoods may have discussions and plans on what to do in an emergency- however she is unsure how the community as a whole.

David would like to make programs like the Step-up plan more robust by addressing mobility, how to prepare, and stock medical supplies/consumables, and how people communicate they need assistance.

Marion suggested that DASH brainstorm ideas on how to address these questions, and what we think is needed in our community and get back to David.

David suggested walking through the day and how would you be affected without certain amenities like electricity, heat, and running water. David stated there is an aviation and aquatic branch of the Emergency Preparedness plan for evacuating vulnerable people is in development. Pat asked if the county has a vulnerable people list people can sign up- David said there is no current list at this time. DASH will review this information and develop some feedback and ideas within the next month and email them over to David.- dcodier@co.jefferson.wa.us
Pat would like to include information and links on the DASH website.

Julie Duke:

Julie Duke passed away in December of 2019. Julie Duke was a founding member of DASH. Marion is going to look through the DASH archive- and find some information about Julie. Pat would like to put together a remembrance.

UGN, Thank You cards:

DASH received three donations through UGN- everyone signed the thank you cards to send out.

County ADA evaluations:

Mark McCauley emailed Marion back this morning- Mark stated that Matt has been short staffed but they are hiring someone. Once they are staffed, they will be able to pick the ADA facilities project.

City issues:

- ADA Coordinator, there is a “meet the candidates” meeting, February 10, 4:30-6, Cotton Building.
- Curb Cuts- Marion has put in some suggestions for the curb cut at memorial field in front of the canon- has raised concern with the installation of a traditional curb cuts.
 - Jack commented that he has seen more curb cuts installed.
 - Marion will look up the curb cut schedule that DASH provided input on and see where the city is at with that schedule.
- Stairs- No updates on the sidewalk problem at the top of Haller Fountain Steps.

Jump Community Forum, Feb. 29th, Saturday, noon to 2, Finn River, table, banner, brochures:

Pat and Nancy will attend. Pat has all the banners and brochures. Finn River may have tables, if not, Bob Lehnert has a table that Pat can borrow.

Ribbon cutting, PT high school elevator, February 6, 3 to 4pm:

Pat, Jack, and Nancy are planning to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony. Nancy would like to send a thank you note. Pat suggested maybe putting in a letter to the editor.

Post Office:

Jack would like to follow up on the December meeting with Rep. Kilmer. Jack will draft a letter and pat will send him a follow up on the plan and timeline for addressing the issues at the Post Office.

Chamber luncheon, February 10, Elks, 11:45, Housing solutions:

UGN housing solutions is presenting at the luncheon.

ACAC meeting postponed-

The ACAC meeting is postponed- they have not settled their contracts yet.

Meeting with the City Manager

Nancy suggested that more members from DASH attend the community get together with the city managers. Nancy will send out a schedule.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.