

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Aug 3, 2021, Noon to 2:00 at the Rothschild House State Park garden

Attendees: Pat Teal, Marion Huxtable, Jack McCreary, John Frasca, Nancy Villagran

Absent: Nancy Johnson

Guests: Emily Mandelbaum

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: June Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular Account: \$5870. Emergency Account: \$27.77.

There will be a bill for recent reprinting of the cicmahan brochures.
Upcoming expense will be for the PO Box.

UGN letter

Pat received a letter from UGN that our report due December 2020 on activities funded by our UGN grant had not been received. John will send in a report.

Emails and phone calls

Pat received a phone call from an elderly person asking if we provided home help. Pat explained the nature of DASH work to the person.

Planning for activity regarding separation of sidewalk from 2-way cycle track on proposed Discovery Road improvements.

Pat will meet with Laura Parsons (a city engineer) and Cathy Jarvis to show Laura the difference between detecting a hard edge and a rolled edge with a white cane. Rainier Street will be used for the exercise. Cathy has agreed to assist by demonstrating the white cane. They will meet at 1.30 pm on August 24 at Goodwill on Rainier Street.

Planning for Disability for a Day Sep 7, 2021, Noon.

DASH is planning an event to demonstrate to WSDOT and PT City staff the issues involved in navigating for blind people crossing at the proposed roundabout at Highway 20 (Sims) and Kearney. Cathy Jarvis has agree to assist by training the participants in the use of the white cane. The participants will cross the Highway at the Rainier roundabout.

Marion will write a flyer to provide the information to participants. Marion will also do a press release and an information sheet regarding issues to be handled in the roundabout design planning. Each of these will go to DASH and Jefferson County Council of the Blind for approval.

Brochures

Restaurant brochure is out of date. Marion will design a small sticker to assure users that most is the same but a few have changed. The brochures with sticker are for the Visitor Center.

Handrail at Haller Steps

A design to extend the handrail has been approved by DASH and City. To be installed soon.

Baby Buggy Trail

Pat, Marion and Steve King observed a woman fall on the loose gravel at the top of the trail. Steve showed a proposed solution for the top end of the trail but cautioned that city is short-staffed so there is delay in implementing it. Marion suggested volunteers and Steve accepted that. Marion is in touch with Scott Walker to get this done. The city had previously discouraged volunteer work on trails so some preliminary discussion is needed.

Business Park Trail.

Has been resurfaced by the Business Park Owners Association to create firm and stable use.

ACAC

Grant proposals have gone in for:

1. A sensory area at the Accessible Playground at HJ Carroll Park.
2. Hearing system for Centrum
3. Support for staff salary for supporting local ACAC

Chetzemoka Park signage

Restroom signs are done, kiosk installed but not yet complete.

Future Meetings

Next meeting will be our Disability for a Day event on September 7. Following that we will consult the status of the spread of Covid and then decide where we can meet.

Chief Olson Visit

Pat will reschedule with Police Chief Olson

Submitted by Marion Huxtable