

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, Noon, Zoom.

Attendees: Pat Teal, Nancy Johnson, John Frasca, Jack McCreary, Nancy Villagran, Sara Peck.

Absent: Marion Huxtable.

Guests: Laura Parsons, Steve King, Tyler Johnson, Anna McEnery, Emily Mendelbaum.

Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Presentation re: City of Port Townsend Draft ADA Transition Plan

Laura Parsons, Steve King, and Tyler Johnson presented the City of Port Townsend's ADA Transition Plan.

Key talking points:

- Context and Strategy
- ADA Transition Plan Inventory
- More Accessible Sidewalk Routes
- Community Involvement Next Steps
- Public Hearing.

The information is located on the Port Townsend website:

[Americans With Disabilities Act | City of Port Townsend Washington \(cityofpt.us\)](https://cityofpt.us/Americans-With-Disabilities-Act)

ACAC and DASH feedback was requested. Questions and comments were made on funding distribution for potholes and sidewalks, prioritization of funds, support for plan, and Port Townsend facilities.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 20th at 6:00 pm.

Additions to the Agenda

Connectivity Fair Discussion

Minutes

Minutes from the February 7, 2023, were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Regular Account: \$4,470.26. Emergency Account: \$27.77. No unusual expenses are anticipated during January 2023. Unanimously approved.

Communication Updates

- DASH emails- John reported a missed email????
- Phone calls- Pat reported that no phone calls were received.
- Mail at Chimacum Post Office- Sara reported an invoice and bank statements.

Discussion re: Service Animals

Pat reported that businesses need to receive information regarding service animals to educate them and raise awareness of the issue.

Discussion re: City of Port Townsend ADA Transition Plan

No comments were made.

Discussion re: Post Office Upgrades

The Post Office upgrade is a window of opportunity to raise awareness on the issue of ADA requirements and compliance. Jack was thanked for his work on the letter he wrote on this issue.

Discussion re: Farmer's Market Evaluation

A meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 13th at 1:30 pm to further discuss the evaluation process.

Report re: Jefferson County Historical Society Advisory Committee

Jefferson County Historical Society has hired a consultant to plan for upgrading the museum and the exhibits, including ADA upgrades.

Quimper Unitarian Assessment

It was emphasized that proper planning is needed to do an in-depth evaluation. At this time DASH will not conduct an evaluation, but Pat will provide information to QUUF regarding the type of gravel for the parking area that will ensure easier access for all.

Connectivity Fair

DASH was invited to participate in a Connectivity Fair, which will take place on Sunday, April 16 at Blue Heron School. The goal of the fair is to connect communities to services and volunteer opportunities. The board decided that DASH will submit an application and attend..

The meeting concluded at 1:22 pm.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2023

NEXT STEPS – FOLLOWUP

All

Attend March 20 meeting of the Port Townsend City Council which will discuss the ADA Transition Plan.

Attend the meeting with Amanda Milholland of the Farmers Market on Monday, February 13, 2023 to discuss the evaluation process.

Attend the Connectivity Fair, which will take place on Sunday, April 16.

Pat Teal:

Contact QUUF about appropriate gravel size to increase accessibility

Pat – find out more information about service dog incident and consult with Anna????

Nancy Johnson- Send Bylaws to board.

Sara- Submit Connectivity Fair application.