

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Noon, Zoom.

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

Absent: Nancy Villagran, Marion Huxtable, Miranda Nash

Guests: Emily Mendelbaum, Margaret Lee, Richard Tucker

Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Additions to the Agenda

Connectivity Fair, 7th Street Changes

Minutes

Minutes from the March 7, 2023, meeting was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Regular Account: \$4,598.28. Emergency Account: \$27.77. Unanimously approved.

Communication Updates

- DASH emails- John reported that there were emails.
- Phone calls- Pat reported that no phone calls were received on the DASH line. Pat did receive a call for a brochure request on her private phone number.
- Mail at Chimacum Post Office- Sara reported no mail about DASH business. Pat reported that a check will arrive by mail in April.

Discussion re: City of Port Townsend ADA Transition Plan

Jack reported that the ADA transition plan was approved. This plan is linked with a maps program that rates street accessibility in Port Townsend.

Pat reported that the next step in the ADA transition plan is updating the city's non-motorized transition plan.

Discussion re: Post Office Upgrades

Jack reported that the letter of support for an accessible Post Office entrance was approved by City Council. All city council members were included in this letter. The letter will go to the Postmaster.

Discussion re: Service Animals

Pat requested service animal brochures for the Connectivity Fair. Pat reiterated the importance of educating business owners on service animals.

Discussion re: Farmer's Market Evaluation

Jack reported on the March 13, 2023, discussion with Amanda Milholland. The evaluation is set for first Saturday May 6, 2023. Two teams will be evaluating. Team one is Jack and wife Carol. Team two is Nancy and Pat. Jack invited members to join and explained that notes, measurements, and pictures will be needed for the evaluation report.

Report re: Jefferson County Historical Society Advisory Committee

Pat met with the incoming directory of the historical Society. The Historical Society is working towards becoming 100% ADA accessible.

Discussion re: Connectivity Fair

Pat and Nancy will attend the Connectivity fair. Pat asked for volunteers to join them. The fair will take place on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Discussion re: 7th Haven

Pat reported that Margaret Lee is addressing concern about what she perceives as lack of accessibility from 7th Street to the nearby business complex.

The meeting concluded at 1:08 pm.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023

NEXT STEPS – FOLLOWUP

Pat Teal: Get examples of past evaluation reports and tools from Marion. Materials for the Connectivity Fair, Connect with Jefferson County ADA Coordinator.

Emily: Make 30 copies of the animal brochures for the connectivity fair.

Richard: see if the Chamber of Commerce can help spread the word to businesses about service animals.