

**Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH)
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, Nov 5, 2019, Noon to 2:00 at the Community Center

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

Absent: Celia Fry, Leesa Monroe, Dave Griffiths.

Guests: Nancy Villagran

Additions to Agenda: Update on JC Council for the Blind from Nancy V.

Minutes:

November minutes voted and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular Account: \$5112.97

Emergency Account: \$27.77

DASH paid \$356.04 to extend the webhosting- saving DASH \$50.00 renewing early.

John will prepare DASH's annual financial statement in January.

UGN:

Pat and Marion have reviewed the donations through UGN. DASH has collected a total of \$20.00 so far.

UGN has listed DASH as a basic needs service for the community, and helps provide publicity and promotion of DASH's effort within the community.

JCCB update:

Nancy provided an update on CB last meeting. They had four new members, and discussed topics the group would like to review and have speakers for meetings next year. They are planning on having their next meeting at Avamere, to improve accessibility for individuals who have mobility or transportation issues. Pat had attended one of the previous CB meetings where the Fire Dept. presented, and the fire department offers free fire alarm services; i.e. change batteries/testing.

Assessment of County Facilities:

Marion sent Matt the schedule for DASH members for the next assessment. The county has not sent back a report from the first assessment. Marion has not sent over a sample report of DASH's past assessments to the county yet. Marion will draft an email to Matt including the findings, recommendations, and tentative schedule for implementation of changes/improvements, as a record of DASH's assessment of the Community Center. Marion suggested inviting Matt Tyler who is charge of County Parks to the Memorial Field assessment.

Chamber Luncheon Debrief:

Fort Worden PDA

Robinson was the speaker. The state is doing a report on ADA of state parks, and FW is updating their website. Pat will send an invite to DASH's FEB meeting.

REP Derek Kilmer

Pat, David, John, and Jack attended the Chamber Luncheon with Kilmer. Pat asked about the access of the PT Post Office, and Kilmer stated they are working on an infrastructure bill, and that the issues is a nationwide issue. DASH will follow up with progress in January. Nancy suggested DASH write a thank you to Kilmer and submit it at the Post Card Party.

Next Chamber meeting is in January.

City Parks & Rec.:

Marion attended the workshop. The city is collecting ideas about potential improvements and what the community's priorities are. Marion stated that DASH would need to see specifics about these improvements before any ADA suggestions can be made.

Salish Coast Elementary School:

DASH has not addressed this issues yet. Pat will follow up with Sarah and call the ADA/ special education coordinator for the school after the Holiday season.

City ADA coordinator:

Pat stated the City of PT currently does not have an ADA coordinator, Greg Lanning the Public works director has left. Marion will draft a letter to the new City Manager, introducing DASH and emphasizing the importance of the ADA coordinator position when hiring a new Public Works Director, providing some criteria, and inviting him to attend a DASH meeting.

City Plastic Straw Ban

Individuals with certain disabilities require the use of plastic straws, and if the City is going to implement a ban and there needs to be an exception for individuals who need to use them. Marion suggested the possibility of getting a grant from ACAC for restaurants to purchase recommended plastic straws for individuals who do need them. Before the implementation of the ban, Pat suggested DASH should address the issue with the city. Marion will draft a letter stating that DASH supports limiting the use of plastic straws but accommodations should be made for individuals who need them.

Website Updates:

Marion sent the updates to Jill. Jill is going to work on implementing the changes to the links page. Marion suggested DASH should review this information annually. Marion also let Jill know DASH's address was not displaying on the homepage, and Jill fixed it.

Miranda updated the minute's page. Miranda will send Marion the list of months for any missing minutes.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2019, at the Community Center from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.