

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

**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, Noon to 2:00. Zoom Meeting.

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

**Absent:** Nancy Villagran

**Guests:** Laura Parsons

**Additions to Agenda: JUMP- Sponsoring the playground**

**Minutes:** Jack moved, John second. All Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Regular Account: \$5,187.31. Emergency Account: ?.

Expense year to date include \$16.35 Zoom fee. John will pay the annual fee to the Secretary of State- not available online at this time. The non-profit registration fee increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00. John completed the 990 form at the end of January.

**Chamber of Commerce membership:** Pat asked about the Chamber of Commerce membership invoice. It has not yet been received. Miranda will check the PO Box. Pat asked if the group wanted to renew the Membership, the annual membership fee is a couple hundred dollars. Membership provides DASH some exposure in the community, and keep updated on events within the community. John said he would try to go to the virtual meetings more often.

**DASH emails, mail, phone:** No DASH emails have been received. No mail received other than Chamber Newsletters and bank statements. Pat stated the contact for DASH is currently her personal number, suggested DASH look at changing the number/contact.

**Roundabout updates:** Laura Parsons; the City of Port Townsend is starting weekly design meetings for the Roundabout with WSDOT beginning tomorrow Feb 2, 2022. No other updates at this time. The City has some Stip money set aside for upgrades/changes surrounding the roundabout project to improve ammeneties and pedestrian safety. The Specific upgrades will be a topic of discussion during the design meetings. The start date is expected 2023.

Emily asked about the preference for rounabouts over other traffic control devices. Laura stated that rounabouts do not have the same electrical requirements as traffic lights which reduces maintentance costs and [based on WSDOT data] statistically roundabouts have less accidents than other intersection controls.

Emily stated she had some concerns about pedestrian crossings. Laura stated the crossing distance for pedestrians at roundabouts is shorter because of the center islands which improves safety. More details for the Sims/Kearney roundabout will become available as the design developed.

**Discovery Road updates:** Laura Parsons; The City is publishing a newsletter to stakeholders with updates on the Discovery Road Project. The next newsletter should come out in February. The project is expected to start Summer 2022.

**ACAC:** The last meeting was cancelled. JUMP and Centrum's assisted hearing projects are on hold. They are working on a video highlighting the stigma around mental health illnesses. John Frasca was invited to the Developmental Disability group meeting and Miranda presented on JTA's Travel Training program.

Miranda will check for the link on JTA's website to add to the DASH website.

**Council for the Blind:** JCCB met on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. JCCB is struggling, and has been discussing disbanding the Port Townsend chapter. Zoom meetings have presented a challenge for their membership to meet in person. JCCB meets the fourth Friday each month.

**County updates:**

JUMP playground: Marion suggested DASH partner with the JUMP playground. Pat asked if there was a financial contribution. Marion stated she doesn't think it is required, but will contact them and ask what it entails. Nancy asked if John could review DASH's finances for 2022, and suggested DASH make a donation. Pat would like to add the link to the DASH website.

Stalled ADA plan update: Before COVID, DASH was working with the County on evaluating the County facilities. The project has been delayed during the pandemic. Pat suggests we reach out to County and get an update on the project. Marion will contact Matt Court with the County.

**Planning for future meetings:** With heightened covid cases, DASH will continue to meet by Zoom. Marion suggested DASH look into having in person meetings at the Methodist once DASH goes back to in-person meetings.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 1, 2022.