

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

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

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

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Laura Parsons

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Minutes:** Voted to approve Minutes as Amended. All Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Regular Account: \$4,975.96. Emergency Account: \$27.77.

John would like to propose to close the emergency fund. Pat is not sure we are allowed to close the fund. Pat believes DASH manages it for Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. DASH should contact DEM to determine how to close the account and transfer the funds. Expenditures for February included Chamber of Commerce Membership \$195.00 and the monthly Zoom Fee \$16.35.

**DASH emails, mail, phone:** No DASH emails have been received. Miranda will check the PO Box this week.

**Roundabout updates:** Laura Parsons, City of Port Townsend, presented a preliminary design drawing of the Sims & Kearney St. Roundabout. Pat commented the ramps look to be perpendicular. John asked about the grade in the center of the intersection, for drainage concerns. Laura indicated the grade may remain as part of the design to slow traffic. Laura also presented the proposed City enhancements adjoining the WSDOT project; to include rain gardens, new asphalt, bike lanes, and sidewalk enhancements. The City will be meeting the Jefferson Transit to discuss the placement of bus stops near the intersection. WSDOT plans to have their designs finalized in September 2022, go out for bid October 2022, and the project is estimated to to break ground January 2023, with a completion of May 2023.

**Discovery Road updates:** Laura Parsons, City of Port Townsend, shared her screen to review the information she sent over about the placement of ADA ramps and truncated domes to obtain feedback from DASH on the two different placement options. Marion would like DASH to further review and back to Laura. Marion sent an email to the Access Board about the placement of truncated domes at the curb ramps in the ramp is on a curve and is waiting to hear back.

Laura also showed an image of the divider between the pedestrian and bicycle path. Pat asked if the sloped joining is cane detectable. Laura stated the divider will not be painted yellow,

however the bike path will be asphalt and darker than the pedestrian path. Pat stated as long as there is a visual to assist visually impaired pedestrians. Laura presented images of the raised crosswalks to be installed along discovery road.

**County Updates:**

Marion has emailed Mark McCauley, Interim County Administrator for an update on the ADA plan update project. She has not heard back yet.

**JUMP playground:**

Pat suggested DASH host a refreshments table at the Community Build Event for JUMP in Summer 2022. Marion would like DASH to participate. Nancy V. moved to have DASH participate in the community build event, Jack seconded, all approved.

**ACAC:** The next meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Council for the Blind:** JCCB met last Friday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Membership levels have been low and are they discussed meeting dates and whether to continue an online format.

Pat suggested contacting Ryan Kessler, Mobility Specialist, to inquire about mobility training for navigating roundabouts.

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings:**

No one was able to attend last month's Chamber meeting. The Chamber is hosting two meeting this month; March 4<sup>th</sup> 10-11am on Post Covid reengagement for local businesses, and March 18<sup>th</sup> 10-11am, with Doctor Allison Berry presenting on reopening and mandate changes.

**Planning for future meetings:**

Pat inquired as to when DASH would like to return to in person meetings. DASH has been paying for Zoom monthly. Jack suggested DASH wait until the City and County return to in-person before DASH considers returning in person. DASH will continue to host online meetings for the time being.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 5, 2022.