

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

Date: Tuesday, Sept 6, 2022, Noon to 2:00. Zoom Meeting.

Attendees: Miranda Nash, Pat Teal, John Frasca, Jack McCreary, Nancy Johnson, Nancy Villagran

Guests: Laura Parsons and Steve King: City of Port Townsend, Carl Jarvis: Jefferson County Council of the Blind

Absent: Emily Mandelbaum, Marion Huxtable

Additions to Agenda: None

City updates:

Laura Parsons, Discovery Road: Laura did a presentation on the Discovery Road Protect Updates. Laura reviewed the project background, current status, funding, schedule, and upcoming construction details. Nancy asked how pedestrians will be able to walk along discovery. Laura stated the sidewalks and bike lanes are designated lanes for each type of traffic. Pat asked about a location by Discovery Bay brewery that has been cleared and if it was part of the project. Laura stated it was not part of this project.

Steve King, Tyler Street: The City of Port Townsend applied for a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board for preserving the pavement on Tyler Street [before the condition deteriorates beyond repair] part of this project includes fixing all the curb cuts/ wheel chair ramps on Tyler St between Jefferson St. and Lawrence St. [approximately 20 locations.] The projects will be reviewed and an award decisions will be made in November.

Pat suggested DASH write a letter of support of this project.

Minutes: August 2022 minutes approved. Jack Moved, Pat Second, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular Account: \$4,857.86. Emergency Account (no activity): \$27.77.

Upcoming expenses: Blue host for DASH website in September.

Communications:

DASH spoke with Amanda Milholland from the Farmer's Market by Phone and Email. John stated there was mostly junk/spam emails. The chamber made a request for their newsletter about the DASH project.

Farmer's Market:

The group discussed the printing of the accessible map of Port Townsend and whether DASH should apply for a Grant for the printing costs. The farmers market is interested in providing these maps during the uptown farmers market. Nancy asked if the FM could print up some of the maps on their own to distribute. Pat stated she thought

Amanda Mulholland has inquired DASH about evaluating the accessibility of the Farmer's Markets locations. The group discussed a rate to charge for performing the evaluation.

Board recruitment:

Nancy did some research on Board recruitment, and Nancy and Jack wrote up an outline for board recruitment. Nancy and Jack looked at outing the strengths the board is looking for, areas for board improvement, and develop specific job descriptions. Jack stated he thinks individuals with more technical skills like graphic design/ IT would be beneficial to DASH projects, and thinks attending and recruiting at places like the Farmer's Market. Pat asked if Jack or Nancy would be interested in being a volunteer coordinator for recruitment.

The group discussed having a booth at the Farmer's Market. Pat will speak with Amanda about having a table at the Farmer's Market on Sept. 24th.

JUMP:

The last meeting went well. They are planning another work party.

ACAC:

Next meeting ??

Council for the Blind: JCCB is also actively recruiting for members.

Chamber of commerce,

Live Community Connections with Derek Kilmer, September 9, 4 to 5pm, USO building at Fort Worden. Congressional update with chance to ask questions and share what's happening with us.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting:

Next meeting, October 4, 2022