

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

**Date:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022, Noon, Zoom.

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

**Absent:** Marion Huxtable, Nancy Villagran, and Miranda Nash.

**Also attending:** Tonia Burkett.

### **Additions to Agenda:**

Update on City of Port Townsend's activities.

### **Minutes:**

No minutes were available from the November 1, 2022, meeting. Nancy Johnson took minutes from the current meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Regular Account: \$4,614.63. Emergency Account: \$27.77. John reported that Zoom is currently offering a promotion of a 12-month subscription fee, which would lower DASH's costs for Zoom to half of our present fee. The board agreed that it will be meeting via Zoom for some time and the board unanimously approved DASH subscribing to the promotional 12-month service.

### **DASH emails, phone calls:**

There were no emails in the DASH email account nor phone calls. Pat will follow up with Miranda about whether there is any mail from the Chimacum post office.

### **Introduction:**

Tonia Burkett introduced herself. She is a local inclusion consultant for various marginalized groups (including people with disabilities) and is a member of the Jefferson County Council of the Blind.

### **Communication from City of Port Townsend:**

Pat updated the board on the City of Port Townsend's notice that they are recipients of a grant to install 20 accessible curb cuts along Tyler Street (which includes the Farmers Market location). DASH will provide the City with input after year-end.

### **Miranda Nash's replacement at Jefferson Transit:**

Sara Peck will be assuming Miranda Nash's position at Jefferson Transit as Miranda assumes new responsibilities. Miranda has invited Sara to attend the January 3 DASH meeting. The board discussed who can replace Miranda in maintaining DASH's website and other responsibilities. A potential replacement could be a member of the Key Club or another individual with website maintenance experience.

### **Meeting with Shelby McMeekin, Port Townsend School District:**

Pat reported on a November 3 meeting with Pat, Jack, Nancy, and Shelby McMeekin, Executive Director of Special Services Port Townsend School District. Pat reported that the school district and DASH may work together in the future when appropriate.

**Website update:**

Future updates to the website were discussed. Additionally, the website will be enhanced by including a revised accessible restaurant guide, since the last few years have seen a number of changes to local restaurants.

**Grand Opening of JUMP Playground:**

Pat reported that she and Nancy attended the November 18 Grand Opening of the JUMP accessible playground at HJ Carroll park in Chimacum. She described the playground's features and the community's support. Pat noted that Sarah Grossman and others worked for six years to fund and build the playground. JUMP playground will benefit all children, providing a safe and fun place to play for children of all abilities.

**Pat Teal as 2022 Port Townsend AAUW's Woman of Excellence:**

Nancy reported that Pat Teal has been selected as the 2022 Port Townsend AAUW's Woman of Excellence. The DASH board enthusiastically voiced their support for Pat's selection, noting that she had persevered for many years to support the community and advocate for people with disabilities.

**Lila's Kitchen – restroom threshold:**

Pat reported that Lila's Kitchen did not seek a grant to improve the threshold to its restroom (which is not easily accessible to individuals with disabilities). Sarah Grossman provided information about accessible thresholds, which should aid Lila's Kitchen in its efforts to make their bathroom accessible to all. Nancy volunteered to draft a communication to Wendy Davis at Lila's kitchen, forwarding the information provided by Sarah Grossman. Pat will send Nancy necessary information to include with the letter.

**Council for the Blind:**

Tonya reported that the Counsel for the Blind was working to enlarge its membership and improve its website. Pat explained that DASH has coordinated with the Council for the Blind.

**Land Trust:**

Pat reported that the Land Trust received a grant to enhance its trail system.

**Kiwanis Club meeting:**

Pat reported that she will attend the Kiwanis Club meeting at noon on Wednesday, December 14, at the Roadhouse and will give a brief presentation about DASH. She invited other board members to join her.

**Groceries selection and delivery:**

In the future, DASH may work to support people with disabilities who need help with grocery selection and delivery. The Coop reported that it will no longer support those activities due to staffing shortages.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.