

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2015 12:00-2:00 pm, Community Center

Present: Pat Teal, Leesa Monroe, Marion Huxtable, Bonnie Bolster, Travis Rowland, Celia Fry

Absent: Lynn Meyer, Julie Duke, Liz Heffern

Introductions: n/a

Additions to agenda: none

Minutes - minutes September and October approved

Treasurer's Report – to follow. Bonnie let everyone know any invoices received that apply to the Accessible Community funding need to be sent to Anna McEnery as we receive them.

Phone call and email complaints

Parking medical clinic - Pat received a request from a person regarding parking a medical clinic (we believe the clinic may be at 915 Sheridan, across from the hospital) The person was requesting a disabled parking space on the street in front of the clinic. This office has accessible parking in the back. The board decided to take no action at this time.

Fort Worden parking - Pat received a request for a closer accessible parking space at Wheeler Theatre at Fort Worden. The group discussed the logistics of a closer parking space and felt the current accessible parking is as close by as space permits. Suggestions for addressing parking at Fort Worden included: is there a telephone number people could call to arrange for a temporary accessible parking space or to arrange a temporary loading and unloading area.

Fair Housing - Pat received information from a resident at Marine Plaza. Apparently the apartments have been refurbished and the resident said they can't reach the fixtures and storage in the apartment. Pat referred them to the appropriate agency for fair housing.

Lack of accessible restrooms for RV travelers – Two complaints about lack of ADA rest stops for RV travelers were received. The board thought perhaps the data source (internet website) for Port Townsend may be the issue; state and national parks in the area have accessible restrooms.

Tables on sidewalks – restaurant tables blocking access at the Old Whiskey Mill is under review. Celia will talk to PT City Planner, Lance about if 8' clearance and slope of sidewalk.

UGN presentation—January, 3rd Friday

The board needs to confirm by December what to present at the January UGN meeting. DASH did not receive funding from UGN in 2015; the board would like to show how DASH projects fit the UGN funding criteria.

Hospital

The meeting with the hospital on the project update has been delayed. Hilray, the DASH contact with the hospital, said there is no new information to report. Marion sent Hilray the information on the inductive loop.

ACA grant

- Restaurant brochures
- other DASH projects
- Beach wheelchair and walker

Rack cards

Safeway parking

Webinar ADA recreation?

Brief debriefs

- film festival
- Chronic Disease Prevention Task Force
- VAAC
- EPIAC and Step Up classes
- State plan for Independent Living

Minutes - August Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report - Regular account balance \$1085.43, emergency account \$478.69.

Upcoming expense post office box rental is due the end of September. Bonnie used her credit card for website hosting and domain fees, DASH will reimburse her.

Film Festival

Reception information: after film bulletproof Sunday at noon there will be a film reception with dignitaries. ACA is paying for reception to be held either at Pippas or Silverwater. \$10.00 for tickets for one movie. Anna mentioned two free passes for people who signed up for the committee,

- Follow up - Bonnie will check with Anna how to get tickets. (If at Legion it is free)

Rack Cards – Sunday the 27th is showing of Bulletproof, a film made by people with disabilities. Group discussed if DASH can put up table, easel with poster, brochures. It was suggested somebody could be available for screening of my Left Foot to hand out DASH information cards.

Rack brochure was reviewed for corrections and additions. Board discussed quotes for printing rack cards and how many to order.

- Follow up -Bonnie will expand information and include information that Rotary funded the rack brochure. Bonnie will make edits, email the group the changes and order 5000 rack cards.
- Follow up - Pat will contact Anna and Jeanette regarding setting up table and providing information about DASH. Give out application forms, time of meetings, who contact on easel.

Presentations

UGN – Bonnie received email from Debbie Grimes who was drawing up the budget for UGN she needed more specifics on website, Firefly Design's cost. Anna and Bonnie sent information.

Tentatively the presentation for the UGN Board meeting in October is at 8:30 in the morning. Travis is reviewing the application DASH sent to UGN when DASH applied for funding. Travis would like to use the UGN page as a driver to the DASH page. Need to follow up with them to find out how to get updates to that page.

- Follow up - Leesa will send to Travis the UGN original documents DASH used for the funding application. .

Additional funding possibilities, QUUF and Methodist Church , the board decided we will consider making requests next year in June or July.

City, Citizen Complaint Form

Sidewalk overgrowth, on Sheridan between 8th and 9th – Pat has complained to two different city staff about blackberries, overgrowth on sidewalk. Pat saw a man in a wheelchair and his caretakers had to remove vines so he could get around. Letter will be sent on behalf of DASH. Pat was told to fill out citizen complaint form by the city. Pat sent information to board members of where to lodge a complaint. Property is a vacant lot. There was never a problem until hospital construction began and this became primary path to hospital

- Follow up Travis will look up who owns the property. Marion will fill out complaint on behalf of DASH. Lynn and Celia will also submit a complaint form. Travis will send photo to Marion.

Project Updates

Pool doors – still waiting on door to be adjusted.

- Follow up Leesa will call Ken Clow and check on this issue.

Signs re: bikes on sidewalks – DASH has written letters about walking your wheels near hospital, signs have been not posted yet. Individuals can write letters if they choose to.

Hospital when is the next meeting to talk about follow up construction progress?

- Follow up - Marion will contact Hilary to set up September meeting and notify Pat, Sue, Travis

Safeway Parking disabled parking spaces have been removed and replaced with signs for Senior Parking.

- Follow up - Celia will resend email with number of spaces.

Additional notes from meetings

Independent Living Council will be having a meeting in September at County Library; Pat will send dates to group.

Marion will find out what building 315 is at Fort Worden, and if they have events their?

Add to assessments needed the Palindrome and Boy Scouts camp

Travis electronic document storage as we move forward, will work on this.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at Jefferson Public Health building from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.