

**CITY OF FISHERS
FISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
LAUNCH FISHERS HUSTON THEATER
MINUTES
December 6, 2022**

The meeting of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability convened at 5:30 p.m.

A roll call was taken. All Members present: Cecilia Coble, Kelly Hartman, Wilbur Sutton, Stacey Oldham, Darcy Keith, Chrissy Pogue, Michelle Steltz, Shelby Slowik and Ross Hilleary. Also present: Megan Vukusich, Jennifer Pope, Kay Prange.

Mr. Sutton made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Keith. The motion passed 9-0.

1. Guest Speaker

a. Jennifer Pope, Fishers High School Department Head & Teacher, Exceptional Learners

Jennifer Pope of Fishers High School presented the Tiger Tough program, which awards two \$500 scholarships through HSEF. She is looking for ideas and opportunities and possible expansion to HSE. There was discussion about academics, clubs, extra curricular activities. The money can be used for textbooks, tutorials. Next steps would be to present it to the school board and also post to the Fishers Web page.

2. Committee Updates

a. 2022 IHCD Lt. Governor's Excellence in Affordable Housing Award – Urban & Special Needs Housing Award (SouthPointe Village) RealAmerica

Cecilia Coble announced the Awards and noted it as a proud moment. Kudos to Wilbur Sutton!

b. Accessibility & Transportation

Stacey Oldham spoke about accessibility in Transportation and the research that has been conducted with Green Bay, WI as a model. They established a Transit Authority using local and federal funds. Who holds the funds that are allocated to Fishers? The FACD has no authority to make decisions on this topic.

c. Housing

Wilbur Sutton visited Turnstone in Ft. Wayne and was impressed. They are exploring land trusts and other opportunities.

d. Employment

Chrissy Pogue and Michelle Steltz spoke about the Reverse Job Fair which was very successful. The next one will be in October 2023, National Disability Employment Month.

e. Community Supports & Services

Kelly Hartman spoke about Hamilton County and the lack of staffing for Community Support and Services. The new Legislative session is a long session budget year. Lobbyists will engage in formal advocacy efforts. Buttermilk Mountain employs all special needs folks. Support is received politically from Todd Houston and Suzanne Crouch, Lt. Gov.

f. Recreation/Arts & Culture

Shelby Slowik spoke about programs at Conner Prairie. The Team for Arts and Culture includes Ross and Samantha.

g. Networking/Social Opportunities

Darcy Keith discussed Networking/Best Buddies. She is getting a list of social groups together.

3. Staff Communications

a. Accessible Housing Guide Draft

Megan Vukusich and Ross Hilleary presented the 1st Draft of the Accessible Housing Guide. Waiting on data from the FSSA. Higher density development will help meet the demand for the aging population. Cecilia noted that we need examples of other development in the state.

- 4. FACD 2023 Meeting Calendar – A Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sutton and seconded by Ms. Hartman. The Motion was approved, 9-0.**
- 5. Fishers March Disability Awareness Month 2023 – Building Our Future Together (Save the Dates)**
- a.** MDAM Kick Off, Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Launch Fishers, 8:30 AM
 - b.** MDAM Art Reception, March 3, 2023, Conner Prairie, 6:00 PM
 - c.** Fishers Arts Council Reception, March 10, 2023, Art Gallery at HCCF, 6:00 PM
 - d.** MDAM My Point of View Day, Thursday, March 30, 2023, Launch Fishers, 8:30 AM
- 6. Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability 2023 Inclusion and Accessibility Awards**
- a.** Now open and accepting nominations for Life Without Limits, Cornerstone Employer, and Accessibility Awards, until January 13, 2023. Selection is January 17, 2023.
- 7. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 5:30 PM at Fishers Pavilion, 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN, 46038.