

ACCAC-Education and Awareness Sub-Committee

MEETING REPORT

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Present: M. Cairns, M. Dawthorne, J. Sanders, F. de Lasa

Location: South London Community Center

8:40-9pm

1. Financial Resource Guide

- a) Jill Bell and Ashton checked links and gave back to Michael D. to check
- b) Michael incorporated new web links
- c) Links were removed from anything they couldn't find
- d) Jill found additional links
- e) Michael D. to request all members to provide 3-4 additional links each.

2. Accessibility themed Open Houses

- a) In August, ACCAC to approach counsellors with respect to working with ACCAC in organizing Accessibility Themed Open Houses in the month of November. A number of Counsellors were named as possible candidates: Jessy Helmer, Melissa Lee(?), Virginia Ridley, Phil Squire, Josh Morgan.
- b) Get in touch with Paul D'Hollander from Parks and Recreation, with regards to city venues, no cost-probably Thursday nights
- c) people to sit around tables- There would be specific topic areas, such as: infrastructure, sidewalks, municipal facilities, recreation, transportation. People to brainstorm suggestions on how they could be improved and/or barriers for persons with disabilities removed. We would compile these suggestions and they would provide a basis for next year's work.

3. Community Outreach

- a) will focus on finishing brochures and getting them printed before reaching out and deciding what community event to participate in.

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MEETING REPORT

Monday, August 8, 2016

Present: M. Cairns, M. Dawthorne, F. de Lasa

Location: South London Community Center

8:15-9pm

1. Accessibility themed Open Houses

a) Michael D. to draft a letter to Counsellors asking if they could work together with ACCAC in doing Accessibility Themed Open Houses. Who would be available? (Days and dates) Some may want to do it alone, others jointly with other counsellors. If they are unable, could they promote the events?

b) Planning for the Open Houses in November 2016

c) Florencia requested to delegate the planning of the Open Houses to other ACCAC members as November is a very demanding time for her in terms of work commitments.

d) Michael suggested that there would be 2 planning sessions required and that ACCAC members could form a "planning team" of 4-5 people. Areas that need to be address are:

i. reserving venues

ii. ordering food

iii. disseminating information to the public

iv. Michael D. or Kash (was suggested) to give intro speech on where ACCAC stands today, in relation to AODA and FADS, as a municipality, provincially, federally and internationally.

v. Contact Bonnie Q. Perhaps, she would like to participate.

e) Perhaps info on Open Houses could be disseminated by getting on email distribution lists of organizations such as CMHA, Child and Youth Services (if these organizations are willing to promote ACCAC).

2. ACCAC Brochures (ACCAC Brochure, Push Button and Power Door Operators, and Parking Leaflet)

a) Heather L. found out that we can print brochures in other languages, but that the city does not do the translation. ACCAC would have to find its own translation services. We plan to exhaust our budget this year printing the brochures in English and then do the translation next year with next year's budget. We would ask ***Across Languages*** for a quote.

b) Heather is presently finding out if there is a reduction in cost, if we print in bulk. We would max out our budget printing the ACCAC brochure and parking leaflet. We would print 200 of the Push Button and Power Door Operator brochure.

c) Council will probably meet on September 13 and will probably approve brochures then. Florencia to call City Clerk's Office (Heather L.) after that date to find out if they have been approved and to begin the printing.

d) **When brochures go to print-one copy of each to be printed for Florencia to review before doing the full printing.**

3. Community Outreach

We have tentatively decided not to do our Community Outreach since brochures were not ready. We turned down Home County and King's College because the brochures were not ready.