

CITY OF FISHERS
FISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY
Fishers Municipal Theater
MINUTES
April 15, 2025

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

Members present: Cecilia Coble, Kelly Hartman, Katie Jackson, Darcy Keith, Chrissy Pogue, Michelle Stelz, Ross Hilleary, Wilbur Sutton. Jason Wagner was absent. Samantha Wisecup, Rob McMurray, Paul Walters, and Kay Prange were present. ASL interpreter Kirsten was present, Jennifer and Emily Strycker were present.

Consent Agenda - The Minutes from the 12-10-24 meeting were approved, 8-1.

Committee Updates:

MDAM and MPOV recap:

Much was tailored to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Slides and clips are on the Fishers Website. The One Zone Breakfast brought stakeholders and the disability community and elected officials together. Katie spoke about how impactful it was – there is a huge number of Deaf residents in Hamilton County.

Community Support- Kelly spoke about waiver redesign and that service delivery over the next 2 years will change.

Networking/Social: Samantha recapped the MDAM clicks from the PR point of view and from the Old National point of view as sponsor. Website views are up and FaceBook is the top platform (tool)for engagement. Kelly suggested a Fishers website page for the disabled community, in the way that police and parks have separate pages. She noted that resources are not easy to find.

Cecilia noted that the Carmel Website has ADA concerns- should we also do that. It was suggested that the committee engage the PR department directly and present the needs to Ashley Elrod, PR Director, and Kara Hall, when she returns from leave. The Committee asked for a presentation from Kara. Katie Jackson is working on specific suggestions for this initiative.

Sam noted that suggestions to fill the gap for adults in the Arts Center were passed on to Michele O'Holloran. There is a lack of ASM interpreters and training is needed for first responders for Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents.

The new Community Center's goal is to thoughtfully integrate people with and without disabilities. There will be safety challenges and adaptive programming. There will be new social opportunities with sports. Hamilton County Tourism will play a part. There is new software for the Hamilton County Express.

Cecilia discussed Closed captioning . A new Website was highlighted on the Hamilton County website. Cecilia also discussed Jason Wagner joining as a new member. He could not attend this meeting but will head up the Deaf and Hard of Hearing initiatives.

Darcy discussed the Farmer's Market Disability Day on 7/12/25 from 8:00am-12:00 pm. The tables, banners, A-frame signs were all discussed. A new co-ordinator in the Parks Department for the Farmer's Market was hired and first day was yesterday.

The Top 3 priorities for 2025 for the Committee were discussed. A Work session will be set up in the near future to determine this Goal. Kelly will facilitate the work session.

Announcements:

Kelly announced the Family to Family Conference (virtual)- 9/25/25

She also announced the MDS Conference at the Westin from 5/2/25 to 5/4/25

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.