

FACD Fishers Committee on Disability

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

5:20 PM

CITY OF FISHERS AGENDA

BOARD/COMMISSION: Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability

DATE: 6/9/2026 at 5:30 PM

ADDRESS: Fishers City Hall Theater,

1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038

Members of the public are encouraged to submit comments to the board via this form before 12

p.m. on the day of the meeting.

See the list of board members at [FishersIN.gov/FACD](https://fishersin.gov/FACD).

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Cecilia Coble - Present (via zoom)

Kelly Hartman - Present

Wilbur Sutton - Present

Darcy Keith - Present

Chrissy Pogue - Present

Michelle Stelz - Present

Jason Wagner - Present

Jodi Johnson - Absent

Joanne Tedesco - Present

Susan Smith - Present

Molly Connolly - Present

2. Approval of Previous Minutes -

- a. FACD 4-14-2026 Meeting Minutes DRAFT - Minutes approved.

3. New Business

- a. Introduction of new FACD members - Joanne Tedesco and Susan Smith

4. Overview of FACD Structure & Goals for 2027

- a. Discussion and feedback: Cecilia Coble and Kelly Hartman - Transportation Subcommittee

Kelly started looking at different municipalities and how they structure their events to incorporate transportation to be inclusive. Take 2026 MPOV Day recommendations and push them to a subcommittee to take action and push things further for development on events. Meet quarterly with this subcommittee. Identify community members to be a part of this subcommittee and get confirmation on their commitment to be a part of this group. Kelly asked for someone else to take the initiative besides her, Cecilia, and Molly. They would like someone else to lead or push this subcommittee. Susan wanted to confirm if something needs to be brought to their attention before taking the initiative on the Accessibility & Inclusive Community Infrastructure items. Kelly asked if things could be brought to their attention to ensure things are done properly and that there aren't multiple people already working on items listed below. Jason wants to ensure we have the right people to voice their questions & concerns, but also ensure items are actually getting done. Cecilia has looked at how Bloomington handles inclusivity at their events and would like to use that as a check list on how we handle ours.

5. Committee Updates

- a. Transportation: Cecilia Coble

- Update - Connected with Hamilton County Express regarding transportation availability.

Employment & Workforce Development: Chrissy Pogue and Michelle

Steltz

- Fishers Allies for Disability Employment (FADE)
- Disability Employment Month Planning
- Disability Employment Breakfast – October 13 at City Hall Theater

Had a meeting last week and connected with several employers and providers regarding issues that they're currently experiencing. Identified a new employer that could provide employment or volunteer opportunities.

Accessibility & Inclusive Community Infrastructure

- Housing Update - Wilbur Sutton & Cecilia Coble - The Community Land Trust for Hamilton County means the land trust means the county would help fund up to 25% of the funds for your house. They want to encourage employees in Fishers to invest and live in the area.

- Tourism: Update - Jodi Johnson & Cecilia Coble - Working toward a partnership with Hamilton County Tourism.

- Universal Design/Accessibility - Susan Smith

- Fishers Event Center Update - Susan Smith & Jodi Johnson - Susan - Fishers Event Center - did a tour and made some suggestions while they were walking throughout the center. Met with Mitch and had a very pleasant experience. Focused on easy changeable items and suggested different options to make the building to a new level than what it currently is.

- Meeting with City of Bloomington's Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) - Susan Smith - Cecilia had the city include their checklist regarding their Accessible and Inclusive events. They ask that all businesses meet their checklist of inclusivity and are presented with a sticker award stamping the mayors approval for these items. We would like to take that checklist and Fisherize it to tailor it to our city and the needs we have in it.

- Grants Update - Susan Smith - Looking at different ideas to identify different grants and know what funds are needed.

- Fishers Farmers' Market Signage- Molly Connolly - Identified a need for charging stations so motorized items can be charged while at the market.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Jason Wagner

- Firefighters Workshop - August 3, 2026 - Looking at a schedule for training the fire department so they can provide a different avenue of communication for community members.
- Review of lifeguard teams at the Geist Waterfront for safety of Deaf and Hard of Hearing community on May 20, 2026. - Review safety and talk about emergency situations that could come up and how to communicate with them. Include flags so that can be an identifier to different individuals. Include an interpreter at concessions.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mural -
- Launch of Fishers Deaf Instagram Page -
- Subcommittee member introductions on social media -
- Closed captioning update - working to include this at stores, restaurants, and bars.

Culture, Identity, Sense of Community

- Community Support Update: Kelly Hartman - Nothing new, just keep doing your best.
- Launch of Fishers Disability Awareness Facebook Page: Kelly Hartman - Asked for items that can be posted to the page. Be sure to monitor the page so nothing inappropriate is posted, as this is a public page.
- Networking/Social Opportunities Update: Darcy Keith -
- Accessibility and Inclusion Day at the Fishers Farmers' Market - July 11, 2026 Health & Wellness - Identifying vendors and getting new vendors to sign up for the event. Would like two volunteers for two hour shifts. Jason and Susan volunteered to attend the event for the day. Four performer spots, only two are currently filled, but they need two more. Darcy has reached out to two others to see if they would be interested.

- Mental Health Update: Cecilia Coble/Joanne Tedesco - Adaptive classes at the CC - Molly, Jay FCC, & Health and Wellness Center employees met at the Monon Center regarding their classes. They have provided and would like to add more classes to include everyone in movement classes. Would like to do adaptive bingo, partnerships, Friendsgiving, Christmas dance. Speakers scheduled so they can make it more inclusive for community members to enjoy different events. Include classes on how to work and understand members with different disabilities. Possibly doing a survey on programs and classes that the community would like developed at the FCC. Senior programs have started at FCC and are going well. Cecilia attended the Mayor's Mental Health breakfast in May. Learned that some of the faith based facilities are doing caregiver events so they can also be included.

- Fishers Community Center Update: Joanne Tedesco

Education and Lifelong Learning - Chrissy was just identified as the leader of this group.

6. Community Comment - Look at the document, read it, and identify priorities on the list. Please also be sure to bring any movement or ideas to their attention.

7. FACD Upcoming Meetings

- September 15, 2026
- December 15, 2026

8. Adjournment