



MEETING MINUTES

Benton County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)
Benton County Administration Building
Thursday, April 14, 2022

The meeting of the Benton County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC) was held in-person at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2021, at the Benton County Justice Center. Present at the meeting were staff representatives Amanda Hatfield (County Elections Manager) and Shyanne Palmus (Commissioner's Office); and committee members Gretchen Hormel, Judith Davis, and Teresa Payne. Bryan Bailey, from Prosser High School was a guest.

Amanda Hatfield called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM

Coordinator/Staff Updates – Amanda Hatfield & Shyanne Palmus

- Resolution cleanup for membership requirements and term limits, as well as letter to Governor's office to affirm committee and current members have been approved by the Board of Commissioners and are up to date
- We still have the posting on the County's job website for the vacant ACAC member
 - A few applicants are available for review and the chair and co-chair will review before next meeting
 - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bentonwa>
- The Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment staff provided some information on previously approved projects, funding process, etc.

Guest Speaker – Bryan Bailey, Prosser High School

- Provided background info on who he is and what he does for Prosser School District
- COVID impacts to project
- Art Fiker Stadium is needing updates and was not included in the bond for the new high school, and still needs updates for accessibility and modernization
- Stadium has fallen into disrepair
- No improvements at least in the last 6 years
- Many ADA issues
 - Seats exceed bathroom capacity
 - Doorways likely aren't ADA compliant, though they technically are accessible
- Stadium is used for football, track/field, graduation, soccer, Prosser Balloon Rally, funerals/memorials

- Issues with accessibility from bottom to top of stadium for patrons and students
- Want to change elevation of existing pathways
- Change/replace the existing ADA seating to better fit the needs and visibility for patrons
- Prosser intends to contribute some of its own funds (District improvement funds, in-kind donations, grants, etc.)
- Would need to go through a formal bid process for project and design
- Not sure total project costs at this point
- Two funding application opportunities for ACAC to Governor’s Committee
- More community/family member impact than students
- Would need more project information in order to determine ACAC support feasibility
- Staff will look into when the deadlines are for the Governor’s Office project submissions
- Some design work has already been done for the stadium or similar project

Debrief of Short- and Long-Term Goals (Community Outreach Plan)

- Gaining membership and increase meeting attendance – outreach to potential participants, even informal attendance (not necessarily formal membership)
- ACAC outreach to organizations in the community to inform them about ACAC and the evaluation form
- Create an outline or template for a presentation for ACAC for members to present at community organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.)
- Possible Presenter: Special Olympics, Arc of Tri-Cities

Goals for Next Meeting

- Follow-up with Bryan Bailey, Prosser High School
- Judith to draft a presentation outline
- Gretchen to list organizations to give presentations to (service organizations, etc.)

The remaining meeting dates for 2022 will be:

July 14, 2022

October 13, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.