



FISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY – MEETING NOTES
04/23/19, 5:30-7:30 PM

1. Accessible Parking Overview – Emily Sander, Director of Consumer & Brand Marketing BraunAbility

BraunAbility is launching the Drive for Inclusion, a movement to help the world understand the difficulties people with mobility challenges face and to drive change for a more mobility inclusive world. Starting in May, the focus is on inclusion through access, specifically accessible parking. Launch events will happen in select major markets across the country including Indianapolis. We are excited to share next steps with Fishers and spark visible change within our local communities.

- Rising Above by Ralph Braun – Overcoming Challenges Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOCzoa-Seck>
- Parking Education Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZIHBozUBc&t=30s>
- Driven for Inclusion PowerPoint – BraunAbility Initiative: [BraunAbility Presentation](#)

2. 2019 AARP Community Challenge Grant Application – Ross Hilleary, City of Fishers Planner II/ADA Coordinator

- Ross Hilleary provided details on the 2019 AARP Community Challenge Grant, which was a quick action grant already applied for by the City.
- The City decided to submit improvements for the Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve Observation Platform.
- Accessibility improvements proposed are:
 - To grade, resurface and stripe existing parking lot to include two (2) accessible parking space and access aisles.
 - Improve Main Gravel Access Trail by resurfacing with pavement.
 - Pave Dragonfly Trail for access to Observation Platform and Shelter.
 - Provide accessible viewing area at the Observation Platform by installing ramp onto platform.

3. Update on HB 1350 – ABLE tax credit bill – Amy Corbin, Executive Director INvestABLE

- INvestABLE Indiana 529A ABLE plan allows people with disabilities and their families to save money for qualified disability expenses without losing vital public benefits.
- If HB 1350 is passed, contributors to the program will be eligible to receive a 20% Indiana state tax credit worth up to \$1,000 annually.
- The tax credit language was originally stripped from the bill but an amendment by Senator Mishler included the credit language back in and is being heard in Senate Appropriations Committee.
- For more information on this plan, go to: <https://savewithable.com/in/home.html>

4. Fishers March Disability Awareness Month – Cecilia Coble and Stacey Oldham – Co-Chairs Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability

- Slideshow and highlights of March

5. My Point of View Day/Breakfast with the Mayor – Ross Hilleary, City of Fishers Planner II/ADA Coordinator

- Recap of Roundtable Discussions: Accessibility (Infrastructure, Sidewalks, Right of Way, Parking), City Facilities & Park Buildings, City Events, Housing, Daily Life Adult Services and the Nickel Plate Trail Project

- [My Point of View Day - Recap](#)

6. Nickel Plate Trail Master Plan – Deputy Mayor Leah McGrath

- 1500+ ideas submitted by the community
- 200+ HSE students involved
- Grant program for residents along the trail who are concerned about screening/privacy
- Ideas / Recommendations from MDAM event:
 - Universal design (ex. how Disney has evolved)
 - Keep physical accessibility in mind
 - Call boxes for the hearing impaired
 - Shared parking – accessible to trail – safety/lighting
 - Emergency services – Intercom – how do we help hearing impaired?
 - Work with Bosma on colors/pavement (vision)
 - Want places to stop, relax and let kids or pets play
 - Mural of history in tunnel + audio and captioning
 - Places to stop off and eat/food trucks

Nickel Plate Trail Master Plan:

<https://www.playfishers.com/DocumentCenter/View/1062/Nickel-Plate-Trail-Master-Plan-2040-PDF>

7. Announcements/Community Updates

- Save the dates: the next FACD meetings have been scheduled for July 29 & October 29
- Autism Ability Fest – April 27th, 10am-4pm, Indiana State Fairgrounds
- Aktion Club Carnival Fundraiser – May 17th, 6pm-8pm
- Best Practices Workshop – Faith based orgs – June 1st, 10am-12pm, Northview Church, Carmel

Next Meeting: July 29, 2019