

- I. **Meeting was called to order at:** 4:05 pm.

- II. **Roll Call:**
 - Present* – Allan, Austin, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Houston, Huang, Jones, Loebner, Neely, Orr, Petty, Plyler, Secrest, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke
 - Absent* – Shilling, Sawhney
 - Public Forum Guests* – Laney Palmieri – Visit Knoxville, Conya Mull – CODI Nominee

- III. **Approval of January Minutes:** Approved by Brookshire and seconded by Callen with the amendment of “Lee Bice” being changed to “Daniel Bice” under forum guests. Motion carried.

- IV. **Visit Knoxville Presentation:** Laney Palmieri, Sr. Director of Operations
 - a. Visit Knoxville, the official visitor’s bureau, is including accessible information and tips for traveling including van accessible parking, accessible door, accessible elevator, ADA compliant restrooms and links on their web page for accessibility in Knoxville.
 - b. Visitors are also coming to Knoxville for sports and conferences. In June 2019, USA Cycling is coming back for third year and adding paracycling.
 - c. Overall, Visit Knoxville is working on accessibility including physical and web accessibility and inclusion
 - d. Stephanie suggested that we hold a monthly meeting at Visit Knoxville. Community Engagement will work with Laney Palmieri to set up CODI meeting at Visit Knoxville which will include 35 minutes for CODI business and then questions from Visit Knoxville.

- V. **Committee Meetings:**
 - By-laws Committee** – Upton reported that they are working on preliminary proposals which they will present in May and will go into effect by the new fiscal year.
 - Nominating Committee** – Three seats are available to be voted on. There are four new nominees and four from previous years. There are also upcoming officer positions. Nominating Committee will have an official vote after meeting today and will continue discussion of officer positions. Recommendations and resumes for new member nominees will be given to CODI at May meeting.
 - Transportation Committee** –Secrest reported that Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) came as a guest speaker and spoke about the role of TPO. TPO distributes funds from Section 5310 addressing needs of elderly and people with disabilities. Hoping to have CODI involvement in the next budget. At the next meeting, CAC Transit will be presenting. Cook and Byrne will speak to Doug Burton with the TPO about being involve with CODI in the fall.

- VI. **Strategic Plan Review/Discussion**
 - Group 1 - Community Engagement:**
Has not met since last regular CODI meeting. The previously discussed brochure was just a starting point to generate discussion. The final product will be presented to CODI.

Group 2 - Disability Friendly City Survey:

Byrne updated the survey. Knox County Schools has been contacted and it is recommended that Sawhney present to the School Board to facilitate getting the survey into the schools. We would also like to use this as a marketing tool.

Group 3 – Livability/Visitability: Last meeting was held at a local restaurant and while there, some deficiencies with accessibility were noticed. Members discussed that this is one of the reasons why it is important for the City of Knoxville to be cognizant of issues such as this, and why CODI's work is so important. Neely wondered about the possibility of creating a CODI checklist and CODI approved stickers, or putting a handout on the website. Stephanie Cook spoke about DRC's Project Access Knoxville program which utilized UTK interns and focused on restaurant accessibility as an alternative, rather than creating a new program.

VII. New Business:

- None reported

VIII. Announcements and Public Forum:

- Conya Mull: Introduced herself and explained why she is interested in serving on CODI.
- Judi Brookshire: Breakthrough Run for Autism is 27th, please come or volunteer
- Warren Secrest: Volunteer Assisted Transportation's 10-year celebration is April 25th, 10:00 a.m. at LT Ross building
- Stephanie Cook: Office of Neighborhoods has a conference coming up. Inquired if anyone on CODI was interested in volunteering? There is free lunch, T-Shirt, Possible door prize. Event is May 18th at the Convention Center. Email her if you're interested.
 - Warren Secrest added that KAT and VAT is offering free transportation to the Neighborhood Conference and has a free app for locating busses.
- Christina Shipley: Attended the 2019 Fair Housing Conference and learned differences between ADA and Fair Housing, which was very interesting.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa VanDyke, secretary and Misha Byrne, liaison