

Knoxville Mayor's Council on Disability Issues

August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Brewer, Byrne, Cook, Foutch, Huang, Loebner, Mull, Neely, Orr, Rodgers, Shilling, Simmons, Spangler, Upton, VanDyke

Absent: Colebrooke, Davidson, Houston, Parr, Shipley

Guest: None

III. Approval of July Minutes: Mull motioned, Laykoon seconded, motion passed.

VI. Committee Reports:

Transportation:

- Need someone to chair the transportation committee.
- Simmons responded he is willing to serve on the transportation committee.

Bylaws:

- Did not meet in July

Membership:

- Did not meet in July.
- Spangler responded she is willing to serve on the membership committee.

VII. Strategic Plan Reports:

1. Community Engagement:

Community Engagement will not meet again until the CODI Retreat

2. Disability-Friendly Survey:

Suspended until further notice.

3. Livability:

- Mull reported the committee met in August and is still discussing the survey scoring options. The scoring options will be in the range of

“Good,” “Great,” and “Excellent.” No “Bad” scores will be posted on CODI’s website nor the name of the business or facility surveyed. The committee is hoping to take the checklist into the community and hammer out any additional issues that may occur with the checklist. Cook will investigate getting a rack card (500 copies) to leave with employers when the survey is being conducted. The livability committee is very close to presenting the survey to CODI.

VIII. New Business:

Brewer inquired, what is the plan with coming up with the new priorities before the retreat? Dyke reported maybe our retreat could be held in November. Cook mentioned the ADA Transition Plan – and how CODI needs to steer the ship.

Neely suggested it would be good to bring something to mayor in November that is current - such as KAT and the effect COVID-19 has on those with disabilities. And how we can look at other ways to get the checklist out to them... email, FaceBook , etc

Upton recommended, CODI to try and set up a Zoom meeting with Mayor Kincannon or a representative from her office. This way we can see what’s important to her and we will have a better understanding of what she thinks we should be focused on. This will give us some guidance on how to structure our retreat.

Dyke mentioned will can see what Mayor Kincannon has available for a Zoom meeting and try to accommodate her schedule.

It was suggested maybe having a mini retreat to discuss the ADA Transition Plan.

Neely mentioned how are people using KAT with disabilities and how it’s being modified with COVID-19. Are they still using it, etc.

Have committees meet and discuss issues amongst themselves to see what contenders on new strategic plan could be and then committee chairs can fill in the entire CODI body.

If we wait until November to meet, Burke thinks the COVID situation won’t have changed much and she doesn’t like the idea of waiting another 3 months to decide to act on something. CODI needs to actively do something for PWD soon.

Dyke suggested, would we prefer something to be set up before September meeting? And we would need to figure out a way to work around the school schedule when we talk to Mayor Kincannon.

Dyke suggested, sending Mayor Kincannon 3-4 dates to choose from and whatever works best for her, we should match our schedule availability. CODI can talk about our priorities and if we’re doing this before retreat, we need to know what her priorities are as they relate to our priorities.

Dyke suggested setting up a Zoom meeting for the Executive Committee to meet before Wednesday of next week.

Cook spoke about the ADA Transition Plan – Cook will find out how to electronically send this to all of CODI because they want to sink our teeth into it and figure out what priorities on it should be. Right now, regarding the ADA Transition Plan we have two places that need to be modified and not enough money for both – this is the kind of area CODI needs to providing feedback on. Budget vs facilities remaining.

IX. Announcements & Public Forum: No Announcements Reported

X. Meeting was Adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Submitted by Conya Mull, CODI Secretary