

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.
2. Roll call:
 - Present – Stephanie Cook, Misha Byrne, Austin, Allan, Brewer, Callen, Davidson, Houston, Huang, Jones, Loebner, Orr, Petty, Plyler, Secrest, Shilling, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke
 - Absent – Brookshire, Neely, Newman, Sawhney
 - Public Forum Guest – Mike Dunthorn (The City Office on Homelessness)
3. Approval of July minutes: Secrest moved to approve, Austin seconded, motion passed.
4. Disability Friendly City Survey: Survey Update:
 - Byrne reported that there has been 465 total interactions that includes 8 outside the U.S., 120 on Facebook, and 345 through email.
 - Huang reported that the National AARP Office of General Counsel said that they have problems with local surveys. People have opted in for emails not surveys, so AARP has the livability survey on hold. It is doubtful that the email blast will go out. AARP is offering funds to assist in survey distribution. Huang suggested that CODI use the money to secure a booth at the Asian Festival and give away gift cards on the hour for those that filled out the survey.
 - Byrne asked everyone to share a link on FB to the survey. Cook expressed concern about making sure that the funds were utilized in a manner consistent with the requirements of CODI as an off shot of the Mayor's Office. Chair Allan suggested that AARP send out an email with the link if someone was interested. Huang thought that was a possibility.
 - Secrest inquired whether Sawhney would do an overview of the data from the survey again. He has said that he is planning to do an analysis. Byrne is planning to reach out to Sawhney to follow up on this.
5. New Member Orientation (held 8/8/18 at 1:30 p.m. in Rm. 511):
 - Cook reported that the orientation consisted of an overview of what CODI has been doing, the strategic plan, the survey, and livability. She also went over the Open Meetings Act and the new members got their I.D. cards.
6. September Retreat:
 - The retreat will be on September 14 from 8:00 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. The Mayor will be attending and there will be a tour of the Public Works Complex. A sheet for food was distributed for the membership to acknowledge what they plan to bring to the retreat for lunch. Cook is ordering sandwiches.
7. Retreat Topic Ideas:
 - There will not be a meeting on September 12th due to the Retreat. Topics up for discussion for the retreat are past/future and the direction of CODI, the Strategic Plan including what we have done and still need to do, and the committees. Lunch will between 12:00 to 1:15. Over lunch, we will be bringing the Mayor up to speed concerning CODI activities.
8. Questions for Discussion on Homelessness:
 - Mike Dunthorn from the City Office on Homelessness spoke to CODI about the Community Plan on Homelessness which operates under the premise that core homelessness is not

acceptable. The office is looking for resources and applying them to end homelessness utilizing the Housing First concept. With this concept, people are provided permanent homes and then, the issues causing the homelessness are addressed. The city is working with partner agencies like HRM to do outreach to provide treatment and housing. Currently, there is a public communication plan being developed to let people know effective ways to help. Cook asked for more information on how the system works for the panel discussion. Upton suggested discussing success stories. Dunthorn suggested that we talk about the Fair Housing Issue. Shilling reported that there are offices all over town and that people who are having transportation issues are having difficulties trying to get access to the services that they need. Coordination of services needs to be addressed.

Dunthorn reported that he is working on a request for proposal to support assistance on how best to coordinate community resources. He suggested that the panel discuss what a person can do to help in a productive way.

Shilling also brought up the issue that there needs to be a clear definition of what homeless is and a clear definition of what homelessness is, and that this would be a good topic to be addressed by the panel.

9. Discussion between City, KAT, and Social Security Administration:

Cook updated the membership on the progress with the KAT access issue and the Social Security Office. Cindy Pickle from KAT, Jeff from the Social Security administration, Katherine from the government service administration and a representative from Jim Cogdill discussed the current location. Jim Cogdill related that they cannot control the trucks entering and exiting the area. The Social Security Office is moving by May 2019, to an office off of Cross Park Drive. Cook is concerned about the lack of sidewalks in the area. She plans to take the KAT bus there to see if the office is accessible. She will time it and see if changes need to be made. Social Security realizes that this is not an ideal situation.

10. New Business:

It was requested that we keep Sandy in our prayers.

11. Announcements and Public Forum:

Chair Allan asked that everyone consider a committee to join at the retreat. The current committees are bylaws, transportation, and nominating.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa VanDyke, Secretary.