

## Mayor's Council on Disability Issues

August 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:11 pm in order to have a quorum.

II. Present: Allan, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Davidson, Houston, Huang, Neely, Orr, Parr, Plyler, Rodgers, Shilling

Absent: Callen, Cook, Loebner, Mull, Petty, Sawhney, Secrest, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

III. Approval of July Minutes: Amended to correct the spelling of Secrest's name, and add additional information regarding Huang's AARP presentation: Motion by Brookshire, Parr seconded, motion passed.

IV. Vote on Members Second Terms.

a. Neely made a motion to accept Annazette Houston and Melissa VanDyke for second terms. Huang seconded and the motion carried.

V. Mayoral Forum Debrief: Byrne reviewed the forum and the use of CART captioning for the event. The video and Cart Captioning transcript has been placed on the CODI webpage, and CODI Facebook page. Discussion ensued regarding adding captioning to videos uploaded to Facebook – Orr mentioned the video on Facebook was not captioned. Houston suggested the group not publish anything unless it is 100% accessible, and asked if CODI could contact Facebook about their captioning practices. Byrne stated she would need to discuss this with staff at the City. Allan inquired about other means to accomplish the same goal, including making a recommendation that CTV be given the equipment to add captioning to its programming.

Parr reported that she heard feedback from multiple candidates that the forum was the most well-organized they had attended. Brookshire commended the committee that created the questions as they were meaningful. Brookshire also commented on the question flow and format.

VI. September Retreat Topics: Allan inquired about topics for the retreat – the group agreed that time for break-out sessions for committees was preferred. Parr mentioned

discussion of mental illness and mental health issues in the community and how these relate to other CODI priorities. Byrne sent around a sign-up sheet for snack items. Lunch will be a catered buffet with many options. There will be a presentation about community engagement from the City.

#### VII. Committee Reports:

1. Transportation Committee did not meet but will do so on August 12 at 3:00 pm.
2. Bylaws Committee did not meet but will do so next month.
3. Nominating Committee did not meet – no report provided.

#### VIII. Strategic Plan Reports:

1. Community Engagement: Davidson reported on the group's last meeting. The group is hoping to increase CODI's presence at community events – a spreadsheet was passed around for members to add community events of which CODI should be a part. Davidson reported on the potential creation of a “grab & go” pack for members who are representing CODI for easy set-up. Davidson reported the CODI Facebook page currently has 472 likes, 28 likes to meet our target for this month, and 528 likes to go by January 2020. All members are encouraged to continue sharing the page.
2. Disability-Friendly Survey did not meet – no report provided.
3. Livability: Neely, Brookshire, Huang, and Byrne met this afternoon to discuss the committee's goals:
  - a. To determine a Chair and Secretary in order to be more efficient.
  - b. To focus their scope of research/review on buildings.
  - c. To determine a “visit & report” format for when they have completed a venue visit. This will include a format to report their findings to CODI.

#### IX. New Business

1. Byrne reported that CTV is beginning a new program entitled “This Ability” and is looking for Knoxvilleians to interview. CODI members interested in being interviewed can reach out to her directly. If enough members are interested Byrne will schedule CTV to come to these interviews at the September Retreat.

2. Discussion continued regarding captioning, and it was mentioned that CODI could encourage the in-picture sign language interpretation to be included in all programming.
3. Brewer reported on the progress to the letter to City Council regarding building improvements and supporting the part time Disability Service's office position becoming full-time. Brewer & Shilling hope to have the letter completed by the end of next week.

#### X. New Business

1. Brookshire reported that Autism Breakthrough has a new Executive Director. Breakthrough is hosting a wine-tasting fundraising event on October 10.
2. The transportation committee will meet on August 12 at 3:00 pm. Let Secret know if you plan to attend.
3. Disability Mentoring Day has been scheduled for October 4. Visit [KAECTN.org](http://KAECTN.org) for sign-ups if you know someone who would wish to participate.
4. Parr inquired about CODI becoming trauma-informed through Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training. Parr recommends this training for all CODI members.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.