

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues
December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Vice Chair VanDyke.

II. Present: Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Huang, Mull, Neely, Orr, Petty, Rogers, Shilling, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

Absent: Allan, Houston, Loebner, Parr, Plyler, Sawhney, Secrest

Public Forum Guests: George Shields, CoK Law Department; Cindy Pionke, ADA Coordinator for Knox County; Craig Luebke, Transportation Planner with the Knoxville region TPO.

III. Approval of November meeting minutes with amendment adding "and silver&fit" to section V.3.: Motion by Brookshire, second by Rogers, motion carried.

IV. CoK ADA Transition Plan

Pushed to the end of the regular meeting in order to devote as much time as needed for the presentation by George Shields with the City of Knoxville Law Department. Shields reviewed the CoK ADA Transition Plan in page by page detail and answered several group questions.

V. Committee Reports

Transportation: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Membership: Committee met on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. The Committee reviewed attendance data for the last 6 months per the past Bylaws which were in effect until December's meeting. As such, the group will be notifying members in writing who have missed 3 or more meetings and requiring an additional activity to make up for their missed presence. Cook will forward past Chair Anna Bass' letter re. attendance to Davidson for draft of new letter regarding attendance. In lieu of holding at least 5 members accountable in front of the entire body for a vote, the Committee will be reaching out individually in

writing. The Committee will be reminding CODI members of the attendance policy in the revised and approved Bylaws each meeting.

VI. Strategic Plan Reports:

1. Community Engagement: Nothing new to report.
2. Disability-Friendly Survey: Nothing new to report.
3. Livability: Livability met on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 and discussed accessibility features of buildings and how CODI can provide kudos to local businesses who are accessible and disability friendly. Discussed city ordinance regarding access to restrooms if a public place. Callen discussed issues with assuming all adults have access to and use Facebook or other social media. Discussed accessibility for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, and those who have vision impairments.

VII. New Business

Upton made a motion, and Shipley seconded, that the group move forward with the review of the City's ADA Transition plan presented by George Shields of the City's law department as it was 4:30. Motion carried.

VIII. Announcements and Public Forum

IX. Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Burke Brewer & Misha Byrne