

**Mayor's Council on Disability Issues Meeting Notes**  
**February 10, 2021 @ 4:01 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Agenda**

**I. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

**Present:** Byrne, Colebrooke, Cook, Davidson, Foutch, Houston, Huang, Mull, Orr, Parr, Shilling, Shipley, Simmons, Upton, VanDyke, Welch

**Absent:** Loebner, Neely, Rodgers, Spangler,

**Guests:** Regis, Linda Fitzpatrick

**III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes**

Mull motioned. Parr seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

**IV. Committee Reports for February 2021**

**Bylaws Committee:** Did not meet

**Transportation Committee:**

- Foutch reported, it was discussed having one representative from Membership and Bylaws Committee present for the Transportation Committee since these two committees do not meet monthly.
- It was discussed Joel Simmons to be nominated to serve on the KTA Board (Knoxville Transportation Authority), Mr. Simmons was open to this responsibility.
- How to help Individuals with disabilities especially those with intellectual/developmental disabilities cope with the burden of COVID such as transportation to receive the vaccine. Vivian Shipe (Voice of the Voiceless) and Rebecca Parr (Next Steps Initiative) mentioned partnering with Mobile Meals

volunteers asking them to keep their eyes and ears open for those who need assistance with getting the vaccine.

- It was suggested someone from the transportation committee sign up to participate in a focus group with TDOT Office of Mobility and Accessible Transportation.

**Membership Committee:** Did not meet

**Community Engagement Committee:**

- The committee addressed ways to engage CODI members.
- VanDyke reached out to Will Nesbit and Delia about becoming CODI members.
- Nominations to be on agenda in April, a membership meeting will be scheduled between March and April CODI's meetings.
- Davidson is going to send out a Doodle Pole for the week after March CODI Meeting for availability for a 20 – 30-minute candidate interview.

## V. Strategic Plan Reports

**Livability Committee:**

- It was discussed that the CODI Accessibility Checklist was almost ready to use. The checklist is totally “Voluntary” for the business or agency. If the checklist is completed for a business, a copy will be given to the business. There will not be any bad scores posted and the businesses with good scores will be recognized on the CODI website as an accessible business for various features that a patron may be seeking. The purpose of the checklist is to provide constructive feedback to the business while providing public information.
- There will be a place on the form for the business/agency manager/owner to sign the checklist reflecting if they agree or disagree to CODI completing the checklist.

**COVID-19 Committee:** Did not meet, attended webinar instead.

**Universal Design Committee:**

- Seeking positive testimonials from local home builder/developers making homes more visitable and accessible.

- Revamp the City of Knoxville Visitable Housing Pamphlet
- Create an accessible home for the “Parade of Homes”
- CODI booth at the next Home and Garden Show – after COVID ends
- Need to explore the HUD guidelines on housing units related to what is required and what is the minimum accessible requirements.
- April is “*National Fair Housing Month*” – seeking a presenter to speak at CODI meeting regarding housing accessibility.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Nominations for CODI Council are due before we meet next month. Due to Misha by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VII. Announcements and Public Forum**

- Announcements and Public Forum - Parr, getting a wheelchair for Jim. Raised 500.00 + dollars on Facebook for a new wheelchair. Great job!
- Linda Fitzpatrick reported that The Authors Guild of TN is doing a cookbook to be published this year. Linda would like to ask individuals with disabilities how they prepare their meals at home. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Cook.

#### **VIII. Adjourn 5:09 pm**

##### **Upcoming Meetings/Reminders:**

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| April 14, 2021   | May 12, 2021      | June 9, 2021      |
| July 14, 2021    | August 11, 2021   | September 8, 2021 |
| October 13, 2021 | November 10, 2021 | December 8, 2021  |

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**Submitted by:**  
Conya Mull, Secretary