

CODI Minutes

Jan. 10, 2018

1. Call to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Austin, Booher, Brewer, Brookshire, Huang, Johnson, Jones, Lemak, Moore, Newman, Sawhney, Secrest, Shipley, City Liaison Cook, Cindy Pickle (KAT Customer Service Manager) and Mary Sartorelli (new KAT Transit Support Supervisor)

Absent: Allan, Davidson, Houston, Loebner, Neely, Petty, Shilling and Van Dyke

3. Approval of December Minutes

Austin made a **motion** to approve Dec. minutes, and Sawhney seconded. Motion passed.

4. Strategic Plan Review/Discussion

Discussion about the format and that it is new/different occurred, but all agree it is a good format. The plan is to be more purposeful and have action steps for each meeting that relate back to the strategic plan. There was discussion of the expected action steps from December meeting and Johnson reported that 22 places/agencies/groups were recommended as sites for the Disability Friendly survey. Eight of the sites were KCDC properties. Huang reported AARP has an email list of 17,000. She offered to send the survey to this list and hit Knox and surrounding counties. There was discussion of additional sites such as VR, KAEC, local churches, etc. Another discussion about dividing the CODI resources to present the survey to meetings and organizations. Also there was a discussion/recommendation of offering a "carrot" to individuals for completing the survey, such as a gift card to a local business or restaurant. Johnson asked that if you have a group to add please let her know by this Friday 1/18/18. She would also like to know who would be willing to go out and give the survey to groups in person. Please let her know this as well.

5. Transportation Committee

Cindy Cox and Mary Sartorelli, new Transit Support Supervisor, were in attendance. The transportation committee met on 1/9/18. Secrest shared that CAC announced it is working with KAT to provide extra transportation to west Knoxville. This run will be from Walmart on Walbrook and go to Pellissippi State (Hardin Valley campus,) Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Ft. Sanders

West, Turkey Creek, Tennova West then continue to circle back to Walmart. This will be announced and go into effect 1/16/18. The fare is \$1.00. UT Parking policies were discussed—the DRC will reach out to UT on this, as it is not really a CODI function. There was discussion of the new Summit Hill bus stop and the new shelter, sidewalk and lighting that will be coming. The committee plans to meet each month on the second Monday at 3:00 p.m. at the Disability Resource Center office.

6. Response from Mayor Rogero to CODI letter

The mayor said she would welcome a meeting and indicated she thought there were adequate resources currently available for Disability Services. She recognized the strategic plan and expressed interest in the disability-friendly survey re-boot. Johnson suggested we set a target date for a meeting with the Mayor and to consider what may go on the agenda. The mayor leaves office in 2019 and that is just before the 30th anniversary of the passage of the ADA.

7. CODI website

There was great discussion about what the website should look like. Several ideas were shared that will be given to Angie in order to update the website.

Links of interest include:

- City visibility survey
- AARP livability information
- Purpose and History of CODI
- Current initiative and Strategic Plan
- Communication card (can be downloaded) needs a description added
Current events such as Community Conversation, Prom of the Starts, etc.
Resource section
- Information for people relocating to Knoxville

8. Most Disability Friendly City Survey

(see notes in item 4) CODI members are to let Meaghan and/or Rupy know if they are able to help with the survey distribution throughout 2018.

9. New Member
Recruitment

The form has been updated. Please think of those you'd like to recommend to the Committee. Nomination forms are due back by the first Friday in April.

10. New Business

The CODI schedule is set for the year to hold the meeting room, though we may have the annual retreat on another date, as well as possibly doing some "field trips" throughout the year, beginning in April. Meaghan asked that anyone with ideas about potential field trip destinations or activities to please let her know ASAP.

11. Announcements and Public Forum (None)

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Brookshire, Secretary and Stephanie Cook, Liaison