

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues

January 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Chair Allan.

II. Present: Allan, Brewer, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Houston, Mull, Orr, Petty, Plyler, Rogers, Secrest, Shilling, VanDyke

Absent: Brookshire, Huang, Loebner, Neely, Parr, Sawhney, Shipley, Upton

III. Approval of December meeting minutes: Motion by Petty, Second by Callen.

IV. CODI Committee Reports

Transportation: KAT will be providing a demonstration to the transportation committee on their new wheelchair securement technology. There will be a discussion of scooters at February's meeting led by Chip Berry. KAT has modified several routes and is looking for a new GM. Secrest will email the group the securement and scooter info.

Bylaws: No report.

Membership: Committee met on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Nominations for new CODI members are due March 1, 2020. The letter regarding absences has been approved by the Committee and will go to Chair Allen to be distributed to those members who have missed three or more CODI meetings in the last 6 months. The committee emphasized that based on past bylaws, several members would have been brought to the full group for vote of continued membership. However, the committee agreed this would provide an opportunity for each member to recommit to attendance as the new bylaws were finally approved by City Council. Finally, the March 11 meeting will be held at Calhoun's on the River from 4-5 pm, with fellowship to follow. Guests of CODI members are welcome to attend at 5:00 pm for dinner.

V. Strategic Plan Reports:

1. Community Engagement: The committee will reconvene after the March 11 CODI meeting, and the meeting with the new mayor. Brewer-Cook shared that she will be attempting to schedule a meeting with Mayor Kincannon and CODI ASAP and will alert

members when this is scheduled. Those who can attend are welcome to do so, but it will not be scheduled around CODI's availability.

2. Disability-Friendly Survey: No report.

3. Livability: No report.

VI. ADA Plan: The group discussed follow-up questions from the January 2020 meeting. Motion by Brewer, seconded by Davidson to invite George Shields to attend April 2020 meeting to review the final plan with CODI, as well as answer any lingering questions. Secrest inquired about including the CODI survey information into the plan. Cook will compile all the completed surveys and provide summary information to CODI. Allan mentioned CODI could use that information to determine which City departments need additional training on disability-related topics, and perhaps CODI could provide that training.

VII. New Business:

1. Cook reported on the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the ADA and discussed cards to disseminate. Group would like to know to whom each member passes these along. Davidson discussed a sponsorship commitment form the group is working on in order to gather donations. Tomorrow at 3:00 pm, the group will complete another walk-through of the Coliseum. Send any suggestions of activities or partnerships to Cook.

2. Orr brought up concerns with the placement of the sign language interpreters at the Bijou during Mayor Indya Kincannon's inauguration. Orr reported that she was unable to choose her seat, and instead had to sit in the very front row. The interpreters were placed too far away from the speaker, so she was unable to watch both simultaneously. Orr reported that those who are deaf deserve a better view than being pushed to the side.

Cook mentioned that she would like to know all suggestions regarding the placement of SLIs during events. The City has a special events guide that addresses accessibility, but the guide does not address sign language interpreters. Houston reported concerns with the placement of line guides at the event, as it was difficult to tell where to go.

3. Rodgers asked an additional question about the sponsorship form for the ADA Anniversary event. Davidson reported it is a work in progress but will be completed and ready for distribution soon. Houston mentioned that PSTCC cannot sponsor an event, but can take out ads.

4. By way of Cook, Upton requested any information regarding disproportionality among SNAP beneficiaries. Mull reported that she can pull some data from her agency.

5. Houston shared that the MLK Luncheon will take place on January 16, 2020 at Rothchild's Catering. There will be a presentation at 8:00 am, followed by the luncheon at noon. Byrne reported that tickets are \$40 per person.

6. Callen asked a question regarding additional meetings. Brewer explained that the March 11 meeting is the monthly CODI meeting for March, despite the change of venue. The meeting with the Mayor is for those who are able to attend but is not mandatory. Other committee meetings are scheduled by each committee.

Rogers motioned for meeting to adjourn, Petty seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Submitted by Burke Brewer & Misha Byrne