

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues

March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Chair Allan.

II. Present: Allan, Brookshire, Byrne, Cook, Davidson, Huang, Mull, Rodgers, Secrest, Shilling, Shipley, Upton

Absent: Brewer, Houston, Loebner, Neely, Orr, Parr, VanDyke

Public Forum: Daniel Alexander, Sherri Raymond, Dawn Schneider

III. Approval of February meeting minutes: With Amendment to make last announcement reflect the Breakthrough Race is April 25th at Pinnacle, Turkey Creek and the Breakfast at Cherokee Country Club is May 21. Motion by Brookshire, Second by Mull.

IV. Dynamic Sports Presentation by Daniel Alexander:

Dynamic Sports is going to quit charging \$1.00 for field access. They are getting together 2 seasons of Pickleball and currently have 8 athletes in training for this sport. April 1st will be Pickleball game and April 2nd will be a Softball game, however Special Olympics is suspending all activity until after the end of March. The majority of Dynamic Sports programs is 18 years and up with Tuesday nights being dedicated to power chair sports with partners from the community. They have started adaptive Xbox gaming for up to six participants and currently have two adaptive controllers. They recently did a pilot golf program and had three individuals from Sunshine Industries participate, and now they are going to try to expand this to nine individuals. At the end of the discussion Allan talked briefly about a similar entity, Challenger Sports and discussion moved toward SAIL program which is like silver sneakers and is a state funded program typically found in senior centers. Daniel Alexander mentioned they were looking at training for this program for June of this year.

V. CODI Committee Reports

Transportation: No meeting this past month. Will meet first Monday in April (13th). Warren is rolling off CODI in June and member of Transportation Committee should think of who they would like to be the new chair. Tennessee Senate

passed the Tennessee Accessible Transportation and Mobility Act of 2020. CAC and KAT are regularly taking precautions against Covid19 including regular sanitation of vehicles. CoK looking for KAT GM.

Bylaws: No report.

Membership: Nominations will be taken until the end of this month. From here on out, all absence reporting will be reported directly to CODI chair by membership committee with CC to Byrne and Cook.

VI. Strategic Plan Reports:

Community Engagement: Here at Shoney's because we're engaging with the community, so if anyone has ideas of other places to meet later, please let the committee know.

Disability-Friendly Survey: Rupy Sawhney has resigned from CODI, and he was heading DFCS, in light of this we will be suspended until after CODI meeting with the mayor. Laykoon Huang will provide Misha Byrne with the thumb drive of information she had received from Rupy.

Livability: Hopefully they will have a checklist rollout date of July 1st. If Access Knoxville (DRC) has a matching checklist, the information may be able to go into their system.

VII. New Business:

1. Rupy Sawhney, Erin Plyer, Angela Petty, and Bonnie Callen have resigned effective immediately.
2. CODI will be postponing meeting with Mayor Kincannon until sometime in May.
3. Possibility of moving committee meetings in order to not have both Livability and Membership meeting at the same time was discussed.
4. Shilling brought up letter generated by membership committee for discussion, suggested that membership and bylaw committees meet to discuss how to proceed with making letter and bylaws match each other, whether that is amending letter or bylaws. Davidson will send potential meeting times by Doodle Poll.
5. New time to meet to discuss an agenda for meeting with the mayor will be Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m., Misha will look into rooms for CODI to meet in.

VIII. Announcements and Public Forum:

1. Buttermilk Sky pie will donate percentage of flavor of the month pie to VAT.
2. Sherri Raymond brought up O'Connor renovations and how there should be additional curb cuts in addition to mentioning that people do not pay attention to van accessible parking, and are now parking at 90 degree angles in order to fit more cars because there are less spaces.
3. Dawn Schneider told everyone about ADAPT doing online web training the last Friday and Saturday in March. The ATL ADAPTt Group, with power wheel chair users and Zan Thornton, makes social change. She also mentioned her radio show on WAZO called Disability Power, and that she would love to interview CODI members, or they could even submit an MP3. Show airs Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by Misha Byrne