

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present – Allan, Austin, Callen, Cook, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Houston, Huang, Jones, Loebner, Neely, Petty, Plyer, Sawhney, Secrest, Shilling, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

Absent – Davidson, Orr

Public Forum Guests – Casey Tyree – Project Manager Magnolia Avenue Corridor

Daniel Alexander – City Parks and Recreation

Molly King – Barge Designs

Dawn Michelle Foster – CoK Director of Redevelopment

Karen McKeehan – City of Knoxville Engineering

Daniel Bice – Prospective nominee

III. Approval of January Minutes: Approved by Secrest and seconded by Austin. Motion carried.

IV. Magnolia Avenue Presentation: Casey Tyree

a. Objectives

i. Landscaping

ii. Bike Lanes

b. Accessible and more pedestrian friendly corridor for all types of vehicles

i. Incorporates bus lanes

ii. Accessible parking

iii. Bike lanes

iv. Landscaping

c. End results

i. Enhanced sidewalks

ii. Landscaping

iii. Bike lanes

iv. On street parking

v. Bus stops and pull offs

vi. Site furnishings

vii. Road and pedestrian lighting

viii. 3 new traffic signals and crosswalks

ix. Improved water quality

x. Improved infrastructure

V. Committee Meetings:

Transportation Committee – Did not meet. April 8th is next meeting at DRC.

By-laws Committee – Have not met.

Nominating Committee – Meeting is being called to go over nominations.

VI. Strategic Plan Review/Discussion

Group 1 Disability Friendly City Survey:

Close to updated survey being ready to launch.
Will meet after CODI each month

Community Engagement:

Outlined 5 goals:

CODI brochure will be completed by June
CODI meeting will be scheduled away from City County Building
There will be a 1000 likes on the CODI Facebook page
CODI members will bring a friend twice a year
Collaboration with Disability Friendly Survey group

Livability and Visitability:

They have not met this month.

VII. New Business

No new Business

VIII. Announcements and Public Forum

Larry Austin announced he is resigning from CODI at the end of June due to personal reasons.

Loebner announced that his company has had several inquiries about Blount Partnership being out of compliance with WGAG 2.0 A/AA

CAC Office on Aging has a Senior Services Directory. If requested, can be delivered.

Daniel Alexander from City Parks and Rec spoke to us about 3 programs coming up. There will be an adult league of adaptive softball and they are looking for partners, mentors, and coaches. There it a Power Soccer League, City Pickleball starting in May, and Adaptive Video Gaming developed with SPARK. The adaptive Video Gaming League is a pilot program being started and they are looking for inclusive community partners.

Dawn Schneider addressed CODI to let us know about her experience at the Knoxville Area Urban League Building. While trying to attend a class, she was asked to go to the back of the building and ring a doorbell to go through an accessible entrance, although KAUL has recently been completely renovated, including the addition of a new front entrance that is not accessible. Cook explained that she had been made aware of this situation and had initiated an investigation by Plans Review and Inspections.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by Melissa VanDyke, Secretary.