

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues

October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

II. Present: Allan, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Huang, Mull, Neely, Orr, Parr, Plyler, Upton, VanDyke

Absent: Houston, Loebner, Petty, Rogers, Sawhney, Secrest, Shilling, Shipley

III. Approval of September Retreat Minutes: Motion by Brookshire, Parr seconded, motion passed with amendments.

IV. CODI Committee Reports

1. Transportation: No report
2. Bylaws: No report
3. Membership: No report – will meet in November

V. Strategic Plan Reports:

1. Community Engagement: Met on 10/9 after the CODI meeting and provided the following report: Davidson, Brewer, Callen, Plyler and Parr present. Reviewed discussion at September retreat about tabling kit – need to determine if CODI has a table cloth or banner, as well as how many rack cards are left. We will add current events to the events calendar and present a sign-up sheet during the monthly CODI meeting for members to volunteer to represent CODI

at community events. Group discussed fees for tabling events and if CODI has a budget. We'd like to begin collaborating with other groups and their events to cross-promote CODI. Discussed a location for the tabling kit so members can access it easily. Would like to invite event hosts to speak with CODI 2 months prior to the event.

2. Disability-Friendly Survey: No report provided.

3. Livability: During the CODI meeting, the committee reviewed their plan to review facilities that accept Silver Sneakers and evaluate them for accessibility. The group will then post on the CODI website which facilities are accessible.

VI. New Business

1. Additional Bylaws changes were voted on for sections 4.06, 4.07, 5.02, and 6.06. Committee reports will be sent to the Secretary (Burke B.) by the first of the month for the month prior in order to include them in the meeting minutes. Reports that are not provided by this date will not be able to be reported to the larger body per the changes to the Bylaws. Parr moves; Mull seconds.

IX. New Business

1. Brookshire reported that on October 10, 2019, Breakthrough will be hosting a fundraiser "Take Home the Cellar" from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

2. Cook reported the Be a Friend Festival will take place on Friday, October 11, 2019 at the Ashley Nicole Dream Playground, hosted by disability Resource Center.

3. Upton inquired about having the new director the UT Disability Careers Office on CODI. Group discussed that Houston was previously in this role, but the group is unsure who is there now.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Submitted by Burke Brewer