

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues Retreat Minutes September 13, 2019

1. **Meeting was called to order at:** 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Allan, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Cook, Huang, Mull, Neely, Orr, Parr, Petty, Rodgers, Secrest, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

Absent: Callen, Davidson, Houston, Loebner, Plyler, Sawhney, Shilling

Retreat Guests: Ealey, Pionke, Rust, Koontz, McBride, Brown, Henderson, Adams
3. **Approval of August Minutes:** Brookshire moved to approve, Parr seconded, motion passed.
4. **Committee Break Out Planning Sessions & Reports:**
 - **Transportation Committee:** Have had representatives from KAT, CAC Transit, ETHRA and others who have presented at meetings. Will be trying to contact those at CoK who are in contact with scooter providers and then will present findings to CODI. Will also be looking into the KAT Lift service area.
 - **By-laws Committee:** N/A, no members at retreat.
 - **Nominating/Membership Committee:** Group will meet at 3:00 pm each month on the Wednesday of the CODI meetings. The group will rotate the chair of the committee each quarter. Each month, the committee will review the list of absences and plan to contact members who consistently miss the meetings.
5. **Strategic Plan Break Out Sessions & Reports:**
 - **Community Engagement:** The group will meet after the monthly CODI meeting. The group discussed creating a grab-bag for individuals to take to various events around Knoxville to represent the group. A sign-up sheet of events will be passed around each month to encourage members to represent CODI at various events.
 - **Livability:** Will have a standing 3:00 p.m. meeting before each regular CODI meeting.
 - **Disability Friendly City Survey:** Worked with Kshitij Sharma and Kinley Koontz, students of Rupy Sawhney, to get in touch with Noah Kelly, who sent the survey to all Knox County High Schools as CODI retreat was occurring. Sharma and Koontz also participated in discussions and explained a project they are working on with SPARK developing accessible gaming controllers and suggested CODI get involved.

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6. **Community Engagement Action Plan:** Linda Rust, Hope Ealey, Cicely Henderson, and R.T. McBride led discussions about the Community Development Consolidated Plan and asked for feedback on what CODI felt were priority areas to work on regarding community social services, housing, and related supportive services. Priorities were then voted on by CODI to get the top three, which were:
 - 16 Votes: Need more affordable housing AND if government funding is used then accessible housing in every unit.
 - 13 votes: Expand the CoK ADA/DSO Office
 - 12 Votes: Need more “people centered” case management wrap around services

7. **Advocacy Expansion Ideas for 2020:**

Discussion was led by Vice Chair regarding additional projects for 2020.

 - Continue advocating for more DSO City budgeting dollars.
 - Continue to attend events such as the Neighborhood Conference
 - Look at advocacy for Senior Living Spaces.
 - Look into participating in human services coordination with TPO.
 - Focus on ADA 30th Anniversary

8. **New Business:**
 - Cook: Planning is now underway for the 30th anniversary of the ADA, there will be a bring-your-own-lunch meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at noon to occur at Disability Resource Center, anyone who would like to participate in the planning can attend.

9. **Announcements and Public Forum:**
 - Cook: On September 26th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., CoK Disability Services Office will have a table set up at the Next Steps Transition Fair to be held at Central High School.
 - Parr: On September 19th, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Metro Drug Coalition will have a Resource Fair at Central United Methodist Church
 - Parr: On October 1st, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Montgomery Village National Night Out will be held at Community Unity Park.

10. **Adjourn:** The retreat adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Burke Brewer, Secretary & Misha Byrne

