

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI)  
April 13, 2016  
Small Assembly Room

Craig Lemak called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan, Austin, Booher, Brookshire, Dockery, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Lemak, Neely, North, Payne, Secrest, Shilling, Shipley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Davidson, Getino, Hector, Moore, and Sawhney

CITY STAFF: Stephanie Cook

GUESTS:

Amy Brooks, Knoxville Regional Planning Organization  
Dori Caron, MPC  
Students of Dr. Sawhney  
Lydia, Helen Ross McNabb intern

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

February Minutes: A motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Secrest and seconded by Neely – motion carried

Presentation: TPO Updates of 2040 Mobility Plan

Amy Brooks presented both the long-term and short-term plans for Transportation Improvement in the Knoxville area. CODI had some great questions for Amy regarding the research methodology and specifics. The group asked about the demographics of the sampling group. Suggested that the sampling include people with disabilities.

Nominating Committee

Lemak gave the report. The committee received seven new member nominations and selected 4 individuals to submit for a vote to the membership, with 1 alternate. However, some members did not like not getting to hear from all seven nominees prior to the June vote. Cook explained that the Nominating committee was acting within its duty to present the candidates that they feel best suit CODI's needs at the time. After more discussion, Cook stated that she would send the profiles of each of the candidates to the entire membership. All candidates will be invited to speak at the June meeting prior to the voice vote.

Candidates:

Annazette Houston, University of TN  
Richard Johnson, Mental Health Assoc. of E. TN  
Josh Loebner, Design Sensory  
Melissa VanDyke, Pellissippi State  
Joel Simmons, ETTAC  
Joyce Brumbaugh, Pelissippi State

Reverend Peter McKechnie, Joni & Friends

Allen confirmed that the committee acted in accordance with the ByLaws. The ByLaws committee will review the language around the process and determine whether a change to the nominating process is needed.

#### Transportation Committee

The committee attended the Trolley public hearing. KAT proposed new trolley route will provide Summit Towers service on Saturday for the first time. The committee recently attended webinars on topics of the ADA and service animals.

In September, the Council on Aging will have Jeff Branham, City of Knoxville Chief Traffic Engineer, to discuss the driverless car. Secret to send details as the date approaches.

#### Employment Committee

Johnson gave the report. Opportunity to do more CTV slots, in 15-minute segments. Need more help in coordination and setup. Will schedule dates with CTV for filming. Cook to distribute via email the list of taping topics. The group will review the list and see what opportunities and ideas present themselves.

#### Awareness/PR Committee

Neely gave the report. The committee is drafting a "rack card" that will show what CODI is and is working on a logo for CODI. A draft of the CODI graphic logo was distributed. The group gave input on the design. Cook to send out the draft of the design via email. The design will continue to evolve.

#### Most Disability Friendly City

Students of Dr. Sawhney gave a presentation on their continued research efforts. The committee has been working to incorporate CODI's inputs from the special called meeting. They have also interviewed the Stroke Association. Work and further development of the survey is ongoing. The committee will meet soon and review the latest version of the survey and continue to edit the survey.

#### Announcements

There will be a pickle ball tournament at West Hills Park on April 15 – 17 all are welcome to observe and participate.

May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm Victor Ashe Park City is having "Let's Move" event

Be a Friend Festival October 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm at Ashley Nicole Park

With no further business, Lemak adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm

Next Regular Meeting: June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Whitney North, Secretary and Stephanie Cook, City Liaison