

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI)
October 12, 2016
Small Assembly Room

Vice Chair Allan called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan, Austin, Brookshire, Dockery, Houston, Jones, Lemak, Neely, Sawhney, Secrest, Shipley and VanDyke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Booher, Davidson, Hector, M. Johnson, R. Johnson, Loebner, Moore, Newman and Shilling

CITY STAFF: Stephanie Cook

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

September Retreat Minutes: A motion to approve the retreat minutes was made by Austin and seconded by Houston—motion carried.

Debrief from Retreat: Cook expressed appreciation to Chair M. Johnson and CODI for carrying on with the retreat in her absence.

Employment Committee: Cook relayed report for M. Johnson: the KAEC Job Fair was well attended. The second round of tapings have been completed, and volunteers are needed to complete the next two at Community Television, or CTV. One of the achievements of this committee was the creation of a flyer about the ADA and employment—both from the employer and employee's perspective. National Disability Employment Awareness month breakfast recognition event, featuring comedian Josh Blue, is on October 27th—all are encouraged to attend!

Transportation Committee: Secrest said that KAT intends to do public outreach meetings for the fixed route buses in the same way as outreach was done for the trolley routes—taking it to the streets to get input. Tomorrow, Jeff Branham, City's Chief Traffic Engineer, will present on "Driverless Cars" to the Council on Aging. (In Pittsburgh, Uber uses driverless cars!)

Secrest also shared that the City's new downtown parking meters will accept debit or credit cards and are Wi Fi hot, so you can use your smart device to pay. Cook added that they have a sensor on them that know when a vehicle pulls into and out of the space, which prevents meter feeding.

Awareness/PR Committee: Communication Card is still being edited and some final tweaks are being made to the logo. The intent is to have the final logo at the December meeting to unveil to the full membership.

Most Disability Friendly City: Survey is complete and approximately 150 responses have been received. Next step will be to introduce it to the community at large and host a “kick off” meeting to obtain input. This can be done after the committee further discusses distribution strategy and what to do with the results collected.

New Business:

Cook distributed a list of CODI accomplishments from 2015, as an example of information to include in an annual report about CODI.

Announcements:

Dockery stated that the changes being made on Cumberland Avenue and other areas of the City are very progressive.

Moore reminded everyone about the “BFF” or “Be a Friend Festival” to be held on October 14th at Ashley Nicole Dream Playground and invited all to attend.

Cook shared that Catalyst Sports was hosting an adapted sports and recreation event at Victor Ashe Park on October 15th.

Public Forum: None

With no further business, Allan adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Brookshire, Secretary and Stephanie Cook,
City Liaison