

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues

July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

II. Approval of June Minutes: Motion by Secret, Davidson seconded, motion passed with the amendment of "1521" being changed to "521" under Community Engagement Strategic Plan Report.

III. No formal roll call was taken – attendance was taken as members entered the meeting.

Present: Allan, Brewer, Brookshire, Davidson, Huang, Loebner, Mull, Neely, Orr, Parr, Rodgers, Sawhney, Secret, Shilling, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

Absent: Callen, Houston, Petty, Plyler,

Public Forum: Dawn Schneider

IV. Review of Mayoral Forum: The forum on July 23, 2019 will include only Mayoral candidates on the panel. There will be 9 questions, and these will go out to CODI members' tomorrow. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.

V. Committee Reports:

1. Transportation Committee did not meet but will do so on August 12 at 3:00 pm.
2. Bylaws Committee did not meet – no report provided.
3. Nominating Committee did not meet – no report provided.

VI. Strategic Plan Reports:

1. Community Engagement did not meet – no report provided.
2. Disability-Friendly Survey did not meet – no report provided.
3. Livability did not meet – no report provided.

VII. New Business

1. Huang reported on a driver safety presentation by AARP that is being provided to the elderly in order to share new technology in cars. Huang inquired if CODI would be interested in a presentation on Car Fit, Smart Driver program, or Smart Drive Tech – consensus was that CODI was interested.

VIII. Review of Service Animal Bill: Brewer reported on efforts of DRT regarding the bill mentioned last month that states a landlord may require written proof that an individual's animal is in fact a service animal. Based on discussion, Brewer will follow up to see if DRT's Public Policy attorney would be willing to provide additional information on the bill that CODI can then provide to the general public.

IX. Announcements & Public Forum

1. Brewer & Shilling are waiting for data in order to prepare a letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding their denial of further project funding.
2. Parr reported on the Next Steps Initiative event to be held on Saturday, July 20 at Sam Duff Park between 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The event is for underserved populations needs a variety of services.
3. Orr reported on the Tennessee Association of the Deaf expo on September 27 – 28, 2019 and suggested CODI have a table at the event.
4. Public Forum: Dawn Schneider encouraged CODI members to notify local legislators regarding issues with TN laws.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.