

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present – Allan, Austin, Brewer, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Huang, Jones, Orr, Sawhney, Secrest, Shilling, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

Absent – Brookshire, Houston, Loebner, Neely, Petty, Plyer,

Public Forum Guests – Katherine Moore, Disability Resource Center (DRC)

Anne Ray Henson, DRC Independent Living Specialist

Basil Farris, DRC Independent Living Specialist

Brandy Sumi, DRC ECF Case Manager

Ciarra Teasley, DRC ECF Case Manager

Conya Mull, Nominee for CODI

Rebecca Parr, Nominee for CODI

Dr. Larry Rodgers, Nominee for CODI

III. Approval of April Minutes: Motioned by Austin and seconded by Secrest. Motion carried.

IV. ADA Budget

Cook reported on the current ADA budget and the needs to make current building, parks, etc. accessible. Currently, the city will be able to complete two full facilities and hopefully Inskip Recreation Center with the current funding for ADA accessibility improvements. The City currently has \$1.7 million in need; \$600k was requested, and the proposed capital budget provides \$50K. With the additional \$50K a maximum of 4 facilities will be completed. Current goal is to get 9 facilities completed during this phase of the ADA project.

There was also a budget request to make the part-time position in the Disability Services Office a full time position. This was not granted. After much discussion, Shilling made a motion that CODI craft a letter concerning the decision about making the position full time. Brewer seconded it. The motion carried. Shilling and Brewer will take the lead on drafting a letter and sending it to the Executive Committee for signature and sending to the Mayor and City Council.

Katherine Moore from Disability Resource Center(DRC) attended with four staff members, Anne Ray Henson, Basil Farris, Brandy Sumi, and Ciarra Teasley. Ms. Moore spoke to the body to acknowledge DRC's disappointment in the low budget support from the City. She will be writing a letter on behalf of DRC to express their hope that the city can do more.

V. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee proposed changes to 3.02, 3.05, 3.06, 4.02, 4.09, 6.03, 6.05, and 6.07 including attendance policy and committee meeting reports. A motion was made to approve the changes with amendments by Brewer. It was seconded by Shipley. The motion carried. Once amendments are made, Bylaws will be sent to the Mayor for approval and being scheduled on City Council Agenda.

b. Nominating Committee

There are 3 seats available with 4 current nominees and 4 held back from previous years. The committee voted on 3 with one alternate. Three nominees addressed the membership. They included Conya Mull, Rebecca Parr, and Dr. Larry Rogers. CODI vote will occur at the regular June meeting.

c. Transportation Committee

Discussion occurred concerning when transportation meetings are to be held. The date will continue to be second Monday of each month. On June 10th, Karen Estes from CAC Transit will address the committee. Secrest proposed that once DRC moves locations, committee meetings will be held at the L.T. Ross Building.

VI. Strategic Plan Reports

a. Community Engagement (CE)

Community Engagement is proceeding with front/back rack cards with four different pictures. Goal is to have these ready for Neighborhood Conference on May 18th.

Another goal is to have at least one 'away' meeting each quarter in North, South, East, and West locations. Community Engagement will try to set up the July CODI meeting at VisitKnoxville. A goal is that the membership will contribute to 1,000 Facebook Likes. By the retreat in August, they would like to have 500 Likes by CODI members and friends. In August, there will be a training in engagement. All members are asked to invite someone to come to the Mayoral Forum. The goal is to show candidates the size of the population affected by CODI's work by having a "full house" in attendance to discuss these issues.

b. Disability Friendly Survey (DFC)

DFC did not meet last month, however Sawhney created a proposal for a TDOT grant utilizing data from the Disability Friendly City Survey. Upton made a motion for CODI to be included in the proposal. Shipley seconded it. The motion carried.

c. Livability/Visitability

Secret stated that there is a May 23rd Active Knox event that Janet Neely will attend.

VII. Mayoral Forum

In September, the meeting will be on the 18th rather than the second Wednesday in the Large Assembly Room at 4 p.m. to accommodate a mayoral and city council candidate forum before the November election of the new Mayor. The forum will occur on the same date/location from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Discussion occurred as to nature of questions: budget, experience with disability, employment, and transportation were brought up. Byrne suggested a special committee to determine topic areas, specific questions, logistics, and 'flow' for the forum. It is requested that the membership submit questions for the mayoral candidates. Members should bring as many friends as possible to forum, share the Facebook post and 'event' which will be created for this. Shilling suggested that we give an overview of CODI at the forum.

VIII. New Business

There will be a full day retreat. This is currently set on calendar to occur in August. The options are the 14th or 16th. Suggestions for other dates are welcomed.

Cook spoke with the Mayor's staff regarding moving new member and officer nominations vote to May in future years so that new members could be placed on City Council's agenda in a more timely manner. This change will need to be included in the draft bylaws changes to be sent to the Mayor for approval.

IX. Announcements and Public Forum

Katherine Moore announced that DRC will be moving to 9111 Cross Park Drive with a tentative date of June 1, 2019.

Neighborhood Conference is May 18th.

Place holder for new CODI member approval is on City Council's agenda for June 18th.

X. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Melissa VanDyke, secretary.