

CODI Minutes
May 9, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:06

2. Roll Call

Present: Allen, Booker, Brookshire, Johnson, Kerry, Lemak, Petty, Secrest, Shilling, Van Dyke, and Byrne

Not Present: Austin, Brewer, Houston, Huang, Moore, Newman, Sawhney and Cook
No quorum

3. Approval of Minutes - no quorum

4. Disability Friendly Survey Update

5. Transportation Committee Report:

Sandi reported the committee will be meeting on May 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Knoxville Station with Dawn Distler and Doug Burton. She says they plan to talk about accessible taxis. Warren reported on some funds which are available from the sale of nursing homes. The funds were designated to benefit the elderly in 4 areas - legal, housing, dental and transportation. These funds must have state wide impact. A grant was developed to replicate volunteer transportation programs throughout the state to assist seniors and others with disabilities. The existing 7 programs get a \$15,000 stipend and are expected to help start new programs.

6. Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee met and narrowed the group down to four individuals - Monica Orr, Bonnie Callen, Darris Upton and Erin Plyler. We still need a nomination from the floor for a secretary. If you nominated someone who was not recommended at this time, that person will be notified and invited to reapply. We will vote on the recommended board members at the June meeting. For those rotating off, their terms officially end on June 30th.

7. Knox County Library and Service Animals:

There is still a plan to meet with the Knox County ADA Coordinator, but the date is not set yet.

8. Homeless services:

The plan was to develop questions for the June meeting regarding homelessness. Johnson will follow up on this with Burke and Stephanie. There was a discussion of the various programs in Knoxville dealing with homelessness. Some are geared specifically toward families who are homeless and others are geared toward individuals who are homeless.

9. Strategic Plan Review/Discussion:

Due to the smaller number attending we did not break into groups. However, there was discussion regarding the issues. There was discussion of the gift cards and whether any had been distributed yet for survey respondents. Also the original plan was to meet with the Mayor in June and provide updates. At this time we may need to postpone the meeting as we wait on updates.

Also discussed social media and Byrne reported several items (FAQ, helpful links) should be on the website soon with the assistance of the city website coordinator.

10. New Business:

See attached PBA information Byrne provided.

Cook invited anyone who could to attend the May 15th Inclusive Softball League from 6 - 8 pm at the Caswell Ball Fields.

Van Dyke reported on a situation involving an employee at Pellissippi who is blind and works two days a week. He has interviewed somewhere else and has been asked to have a medical form completed. There was some discussion and Shilling suggested going to VR to get assistance for this.

11. Announcements and Public Forum:

The Mayor announced at the State of the City last week that with City Council approval, the KPD offices will be moving to the Knoxville College site and a Discovery Science Museum with funds from the Clayton Foundation will be built on the site of the Safety Building, and announced the City's official designation as an Age-Friendly Community.

Pellissippi State will be hosting lunch and learn events targeting employers using lists derived from the Community Conversations.

KAEC has several initiatives they are currently working on. The Sticker Program was rolled out last year and they hope to have the Governor speak at the annual Breakfast event in October.

Kerry thanked Janet for jumping in and responding to his call for help with a speaker. He said she did a great job.

12. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Judi Brookshire, Secretary