

Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI)
Special Called Meeting, January 13, 2016
City-County Building
SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM

Craig Lemak called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan, Austin, Booher, Davidson, Dockery, Hector, Hunter, Jones, Lemak, Moore, Neely, North, Payne, Sawhney, Shipley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brookshire, Getino, Johnson, Newman, Secrest and Shilling

GUESTS:

Student Assistant to Dr. Sawhney

Student Interns from the City's office of Parks & Recreation

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

This special meeting was scheduled as a workshop specifically to discuss the draft Survey for Making Knoxville the Most Friendly City for People with Disabilities.

Dr. Sawhney is developing a survey to collect data which will be used to help make Knoxville a more Disability Friendly City. The goal is that the information gathered and assessed will serve as a roadmap for future work. Through this process his team will be able to determine what assets are most important, evaluate Knoxville and identify the city's strengths and weaknesses. The goal is that this creates a systematic way to organize City projects and priorities.

New copies of the survey were passed out to the members. Members took time to complete the surveys and make comments and suggestions. Dr. Sawhney went through the survey, polling the CODI members and allowing everyone to discuss proposed changes.

Stephanie Cook suggested that the survey align its areas of focus with that of the Livability movement. The 8 Livability Topics include: Arts & Entertainment, Business & Economy, Community, Education & Schools, Food & Drink, Health & Wellness, Housing & Real Estate and Transportation.

CODI members provided great insight and offer suggested changes to the categories, selections, specific wording. Dr. Sawhney will revise the survey based on the comments and email the next iteration. Once the survey is approved, his team will begin collecting data.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10 at 4pm in the Small Assembly Room.

Lemak adjourned the meeting a 5:51pm