

# Mayor's Council on Disability Issue Meeting Minutes June 12, 2019

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm.

II. Roll Call:

*Present* – Allan, Austin, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Huang, Jones, Loebner, Petty, Plyer, Sawhney, Secrest, Shipley, Upton, VanDyke

*Absent* – Houston, Neeley, Shilling, Orr

*Public Forum Guests* – Erin Read, Health Department

III. Approval of May Minutes: Approved by Brookshire and seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

IV. Erin Read, Health Department

Erin reported on the Community Health Assessment which measures where Knox County is worse off than other counties in the state, short of national goals, when it falls in the bottom half of counties in Tennessee, leading causes of death, and issues of concern. The top 14 health issues were identified and public comment is desired on the top 3 that each person identifies as their concern.

V. Vote on Officers, Member second Terms, and Member Nominees

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- a. Brookshire made a motion to accept Mark Allan as Chair, Melissa VanDyke as Vice Chair, and Burke Brewer as Secretary. Secrest seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Secrest made a motion to accept Burke Brewer for first term, Annazette Houston and Josh Loebner for second terms. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c. Jones made a motion to accept Conya Mull, Rebecca Parr, and Larry Rogers for first terms. Secrest seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### VI. Committee Reports

#### a. Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee is waiting on a response from a law department review of the proposed changes to the attendance policy, and committee meeting reports.

#### b. Nominating Committee

Since Jones is rolling off CODI, a new chair needs to be chosen. It was decided that this would happen after the new members are on board.

#### c. Transportation Committee

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Karen Estes from CAC Transit addressed the committee at the L.T. Ross Building.

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Secret also, presented on Volunteer Assisted Transportation.

## VII. Strategic Plan Reports

### a. Community Engagement

Davidson reported that the rack cards are finished. In September we will meet at the Public Works Building to start the completion of the goal of meeting in the community. Inskip Norwood Rec Center will be on the agenda in November/ December. We still need 521 Likes on Facebook. Members are being asked to invite 5 people to the Mayoral Forum.

### b. Disability Friendly Survey

Shipley reported on the permissions that are needed surrounding the survey, analyzing the data and disseminating it.

### c. Livability/Visitability

No report

## VIII. New Business

a. Byrne requested volunteers to serve on a sub-committee for the August 6<sup>th</sup> Mayoral Forum. Members volunteered.

b. The all-day retreat is Friday, September 13

## IX. Announcements and Public Forum

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- a. Josh Loebner presented on launching adaptive experiences at Airbnb, advertising and disability. Airbnb is launching efforts to integrate disability inclusion in their advertising, booking, and accessible locations.
  - b. Austin said that he had enjoyed the last 5 years on CODI
  - c. Allan thanked Jones and Austin for their service
- X. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by Melissa VanDyke, secretary.