

## **Knoxville Mayor's Council on Disability Issues**

December 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Zoom

### **I. Meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.**

### **II. Roll Call:**

**Members:** Alexander, Barber, Briggs, Byrne, Childress, Colebrooke, Cook, Foutch, Houston, Huang, Landfather, Lowe, Moore, Mull, NeSmith, Orr, Rodgers, Simmons, Spangler, VanDyke, Villanueva, Welch

**Present:** Alexander, Barber, Byrne, Cook, Landfather, Lowe, Mull, NeSmith, Orr, Rodgers, Simmons, VanDyke, Villanueva,

**Absent:** Briggs, Childress, Colebrooke, Foutch, Houston, Huang, Moore, Spangler, Welch

**Guests:** No guest speaker scheduled for December's CODI Meeting

**Interpreters:** Haile Stewart, Jessica Brackeen

### **III. Approval of November Minutes:**

- Landfather first motion, NeSmith second motion, all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

### **IV. Member Advocacy and Information**

- No information reported

### **V. Committee Reports:**

#### **Bylaws:**

- Did not meet

#### **Membership:**

- Did not meet

#### **Community Engagement:**

- The next ASL class Monica Shimon-Orr teaches will start on January 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be for brand new signers and will occur from 6:30 -7:30 on Thursday nights. The best way to sign up is through a link on KCD's website. Class will be 8 weeks long.
- Nielsen Report –
  - The report, *Reaching Prevalent Diverse Consumers with Disabilities*, looked at Physical, Vision, Hearing, Independent Living, Learning, Intellectual
  - There is great information here that CODI could potentially use. People with disabilities are the third largest market behind baby boomers and the mature market. It becomes a very powerful market when we talk about housing and overall purchasing power.
  - With the new year coming, new data, and seeking to inform the universal design committee, what do we want to do in 2022 through this committee to make an impact?
    - Get the CODI name out there more
    - Help other committees (Universal Design)
      - The Nielsen Report will put a lot of weight behind our efforts to educate, such as with Universal Design and speaking with building developers, and also transportation in discussions with West Town Mall.
      - Barber pointed out data is from 2016, and there has been a two-year COVID impact to this data. The numbers we see are probably more exaggerated than presented here.
- Landfather was on a call with the Chamber and Randy Boyd discussing the new baseball stadium to be built downtown and inquired what they are doing to promote and include PWD. The answer was simply that they are following ADA guidelines.
  - Let's invite them (Chamber/Boyd) to a CODI meeting to discuss. ADA is a minimum standard, let's go for the spirit of the ADA.
  - VanDyke – This will also be a good time to have someone from KAEC come to talk to them about their commitment to hiring PWD.
- Landfather met with STAR (Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding ) again and went out to their South Knoxville location, beautiful but not fully accessible yet. Could be a very beneficial relationship between them and CODI.

### **Transportation:**

- Discussed the article about KAT/West Town Mall in the 12/7/21 paper.
  - Stephanie pulled up article and screen shared with the group
  - Miller Foutch as Transportation Chair, or Melissa VanDyke as CODI Chair may want to be involved with the next meeting. Katherine Moore from dRC is already planning on coming to the next meeting.

- Joel Simmons motioned that a member of CODI be invited and present at the next meeting with CoK/KAT/Mall Mgmt., Huang seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **VI. Strategic Plan Reports:**

### **Livability:**

- Cook - The purchase of two tablets to have access to the CODI Accessibility Survey which will be uploaded onto them has been approved by the director.
- Byrne – Followed up on list of businesses email; Byrne also showed the committee an example of the window cling that was sent to Mr. Frye in graphic designs.
- The committee discussed making the window cling round with “This business is disability friendly” bordering the circular top and at the bottom a slightly smaller CODI logo saying: “for more information and a QR code to take them to the CODI website.”
- Mull will continue to work on the verbiage for the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce email blast.
- Huang will continue to work on verbiage for a PSA.

### **Universal Design:**

- Eric Moore volunteered to be secretary for Universal Design
- Discussed the one-pager from Jim Tente, and will be inviting him to the February Universal Design Meeting
- Villanueva motioned that the committee revisits Type C Dwelling Units for the change of city requirements. Briggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **VII. New Business:**

- ClickUp – The cost for us to use this would be just under \$1000 a year if approved by City of Knoxville. Byrne would like to gauge how useful members believe this would be in their committees and strategic plan groups before moving forward and has requested that members view the demo video below in order to be able to discuss it at the January meeting.
  - Demo (17:24) : [https://clickup.com/on-demand-demo?fp\\_ref=48cb1](https://clickup.com/on-demand-demo?fp_ref=48cb1)
- Cook – Not this past Saturday, but the Saturday before, the entire residency of Northgate Towers had to be evacuated. Cook was called with a request for manual wheelchairs, of which she could find 11 on Saturday night. Meetings will be held at the beginning of next year to revisit how to best help and where to go to find a list for the 20-30 manual chairs for emergency transport.

- Barber – There is a program run by Joni and Friends which collects wheelchairs all year called Wheels for the World, and they have storage off Cherry Street with 150 wheelchairs or so at any given time.
- Lowe – Goodwill does get donations of Medical Supplies and they reached out to locations to try to help with that as well.
- Cook – When it comes to a public health or emergency situation. What would CODI want to know, and how best to receive this information?
  - Cook already suggested if media is involved, ASL interpreter needs to be in the same view as the person speaking.
  - Byrne suggested an opt-in SMS messaging system, such as the one UTK utilizes.
  - Cook – Perhaps we can get together information that can be shared with City and County communications folks, and they can share it with local media on our behalf.
- Simmons inquired any news has been shared regarding the Promenade Garage behind Mast General, it had switched to Premier parking that says “no free parking” with cameras set up. Simmons would like to know if there is still free parking for those with disabled parking hang tags or license plates. Cook explained and Landfather confirmed, that this parking is not a publicly-owned lot/garage, so everyone using these spaces will have to pay to park. Free parking for people who have valid hang tags and license plates to utilize accessible spaces is available in every City- County or State- owned lot/garage in downtown.

### **VIII. Announcements & Public Forum:**

- Great technologies beyond the state of Tennessee sent Rodgers several Magnets, and several decals for his special needs patients to put on their doors at home their windows at home or attached to their car that denotes there is an individual with special needs.

### **IX. Meeting was Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.**

### **Upcoming Meetings/Reminders:**

January 12, 2022	February 9, 2022	March 9, 2022
April 13, 2022	May 11, 2022	June 8, 2022
July 13, 2022	August 10, 2022	September 14, 2022