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**Mayor's Council on Disability
Chattanooga, Tennessee**

**Meeting Minutes
May 05, 2008**

**Sandra Booher, Chairperson
Bea Lyons, Vice Chair
Katie Jones, Secretary
Jill Hindman, Parliamentarian**

Council Members:

**Dr. Rick Rader
Jim Queen
Mary Ann Schenk
Tommy Gates
Gina Turley
Carolyn Boyd
Carol Martin
Phillip Stevens
Karl Epperson**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Sandy Booher.

In attendance:

**Mary Ann Schenk
Carol Martin
Sandy Booher
Bea Lyons
Katie Jones
Jill Hindman**

Excused Absence:

Dr. Rick Rader

Visitors:

**Kim Lee
Terri Rice
Julie Michael**

**Tommy Gates
Jim Queen
Carolyn Boyd
Phillip Stevens
Maxwell**

**Kim Printz
Greg Helms
Greg Smith
Rick, Anne**

Matt Lea – Mayor's Office

Visitors to the meeting introduced themselves and were thanked for their interest in the Council's efforts.

April 07, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as prepared.

Note was made that requests for reasonable accommodations should be made through the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA); Jay Pierceley is the new compliance officer. Nicole Gwin can also be contacted with copy of request sent to Matt Lea or to Phillip Stevens.

Phillip Stevens has published a book about our city, Chattanooga: The Renaissance of a City. It is available at Barnes & Noble bookstores.

Carol Martin reported on the seminar being hosted by the Mayor's Council on Disability along with The Epilepsy Foundation and the Southeast Tennessee Job Placement consortium. The title will be "disAbilities in the Workplace". The date is tentatively set for June 19, 2008, 8:00-11:30am. The Walgreens distribution center representative will be here to speak with employers. Walgreens has been incredibly successful

with hiring people with disabilities; a panel of people with a variety of disabilities will be sharing their work experience and reasonable accommodation needs. The planning committee is still investigating a place for the seminar.

Matt Lea introduced a movie, "The Music Within" the story of the guy who developed the first work force training on hiring people with disabilities that led to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) July 26, 1990.

Matt Lea also reported that he is still working on a date for the Mayor's Council on Disability chairperson to meet with the Mayor and Dr. Medley in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Jim Queen reported on Carta's Care-A-Van. CARTA had another record breaking month for Care-A-Van rider-ship. The numbers continue to increase; three new vans are now in service and allow for preventative maintenance on current fleet of vans. There have already been five requests for tourism visits to Chattanooga as compared with the usual one request for this time of year. The Mayor's Office has made public transportation a priority and is referring elderly citizens and persons with disabilities to CARTA for transportation assistance.

Greg Smith from Hamilton County, County Emergency Services referred to the emergency shelters and plans being developed for the emergency management plan.

It incorporates a broader definition than typically defined by the ADA. The county is looking at not just sheltering issue, but also at adding a new annex to Emergency Management plan to deal with functional needs and working to put together appropriate community partners to write an effective annex.

Three inquiries were posted to the Council's website during the past month. Phillip reported that the MCD logo cannot be placed on the front page and will remain as a link from the Mayor's Office web page.

It's time to start thinking about Go!Fest. Sandy will be contacting Darde Long, at the Chattanooga Zoo. It is expected to be held October 11, 2008. Organization and planning will be coordinated through the zoo; the Mayor's Office may handle marketing efforts. Zoo renovations will be complete by the end of June.

Announcements:

Mary Ann Schenk reported the there have been cuts within the Department of Mental Retardation services, by the Deputy Commissioner and it is affecting lots of people. The ARC has set up on their website, stories of individuals being served by a support agency and how this is impacting their lives.

Kim Printz stated that there will be a Career Fair on August 06, 2008, at the Brainerd Baptist Crossroads Building; registration deadline is July 01, 2008.

The Assistive Technology Center at Signal Centers is having a free workshop for seniors, Thursday, May 22, 2008, 1:00 to 4:00, at the Brainerd Baptist Crossroads Building.

Molly Littleton received the Tom Morales Assistive Technology Award recently in California. Signal Centers is proud of the strides that have been made in assistive technology over the past few years.

Next meeting is June 02, 2008 at 3:00, at the DRC.

Meeting adjourned.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Katy Jones,
Secretary.**
