

Mayor's Council on Disability

January 08, 2007 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Sandra Booher

Council members in attendance:

Jim Queen

Bea Lyons

Sandy Booher

Rick Rader

Katye Jones

Karl Epperson

Jill Hindman

Jennifer Nichols

Chairperson, Sandra Booher welcomed our guests in the audience.

Minutes approved as issued

Bylaws issues tabled until February meeting

“The Power of One Mayor” luncheon is going to be held January 29, 2007 at the Chattanooga. Guest speaker is Shirley Franklin, Mayor from Atlanta. Table sales are to raise money for The MLK National Memorial Project and the local Memorial Project here in Chattanooga. Question and answer period will be held at the Bessie Smith Hall afterwards. Bea Lyons and Katye Jones bought one table each for the Council members to attend.

211 is the United Way number for individuals who need assistance or services. Also, a manual is available.

Several discussions were made regarding accessibility to Federal Building and other areas of town that are not accessible for individuals with handicaps. Also, the website is not as clear as it should be that there is a site regarding minutes and accomplishments as a Council.

GoFest for this year was discussed briefly and Sandra Booher, Katye Jones, Karl Epperson, Jill Hindman, Tom Coleman from the audience volunteered to work on this year's agenda.

Dr. Rader is trying to get School Board and the Urban League aware of the Stigma Project.

Matt Lea asked for list of all members of the Council. He suggested we remove those who are not in frequent attendance and replace those names with others who will be in greater attendance.

As a Council we do want to acknowledge and thank the Mayor and City Council for releasing three quarters of a million dollars for sidewalks and curb cuts.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is February 5, 2007

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katye Jones, Secretary of the Mayor's Council for Disability.