

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

**Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2007**

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

Board Members:

**Kim Williams
Jim Queen
Dr Rick Rader
Mary Ann Schenk
Kathy Purnell
Gina Turley
Jennifer Nichols
Virginia Piper
Karl Epperson
Annie Ruth Palmer**

Matt Lea, Liaison

Assistant to Mayor for Special Projects

Michelle Michaud, Liaison

Communications Director Mayor's Office

**Meeting called to order by Chairperson,
Sandra Booher.**

Those in attendance:

Jim Queen

Bea Lyons

Sandra Booher

Katye Jones

Jill Hindman

Jennifer Nichols

Karl Epperson

Annie Ruth Palmer

Visitors in attendance:

Ken Fritz – City Attorney

**David Harrison – specialist for hearing
impaired**

Burl Lawrence – Parkinson's patient

Gary Thornton – Chattanooga Career Center

Tom Coleman – Chattanooga Community

Boating for Public Access

**Dr. Andrew Dill – University of Louisville
(here doing a total immersion clerkship with
Dr. Rader at Orange Grove
Amanda Stofan – City of Chattanooga’s
office of Multicultural Affairs.**

**Jill Hindman, Jim Queen and Bea Lyons are
still working with the City regarding the
Bylaws**

**Jill Hindman and Dr. Rader are looking into
the possibility of establishing a roster of
names of people who might be available to
give attendant care. The Office of
Multicultural Affairs is working on a
handbook of agencies for the disabled
community. Bea Lyons pointed out that
United way with their 211 has an extensive
resource guide that’s available for about
\$30.00.**

**The Tennessee Public Transit Association’s
conference held a seminar which introduced
Dr. Rader’s concept on stigma for individuals
with disabilities. Dr. Rader, Sandra Booher,
Jill Hindman and Pam Jackson participated**

as panelists. The members of the panel received numerous compliments for the discussion from the higher echelons of management all the way down to the drivers. Next year the conference will be held in Memphis. Carta Caravan won first place in the bus rodeo that they have for the state, which is a very big deal and Jim Queen, is most pleased with this honor.

TCSW: Jill Hindman reported that even though the group was small, those in attendance were quite interested in the discussions. Transportation problems were discussed as well as emergency preparedness. Jill Hindman and Bea Lyons were panelists for the special needs session.

GO!FEST:

Suggestions were made that might make the event draw more people, such as a corporate sponsor and more publicity. What also is needed is one headliner act that will draw people to the event. Captioning was missing and needs to be added to the program.

**The Council now has a mailbox set up at City Hall. The address is as follows:
Mayor's Council on Disability
200 City Hall Annex
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
This will be listed on the website.**

Next Meeting: Monday April 2, 2007, 3:00-4:30.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson, Sandra Booher

**Respectfully submitted,
Katie Jones, Secretary**