

**Mayor's Council on Disability
May 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

In attendance:

Sandra Booher, Chairperson

Bea Lyons, Vice Chairperson

Jill Hindman, Parliamentarian

Katy Jones, Secretary

Mary Schenk

Gina Turley

Karl Epperson

April minutes were approved.

Carole Moore-Slater with the Access Nashville program went over several issues that Nashville is facing with the disabled. She is Director of Tennessee Disability Path Finder, which is a state-wide bilingual information and referring service with the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for excellence and disability and developing disabilities. They provide information and referrals about agency resources. Their website is www.familypathfinder.org. The purpose of their group is to train volunteers to go out

into the community and submit surveys regarding the accessibility of area businesses. Another website of interest is www.accessnashvilleonline.org.

GoFest! is slated for September 29, 2007 at Coolidge Park. A motion was made and seconded to join the Culture Fest for the event.

The YMCA Health Week was attended by Karl Epperson. This event hopefully helped children to become more aware and sensitive to those with disabilities.

The Council website has had a few issues such as updated minutes, updated information and current events, which we would like to get cleared up. We will now send all information to be posted to Amanda Stofan at the Multicultural Affairs Office.

Her email address is Stofan@mail.chattanooga.gov.

Lana Newton discussed the annual meeting that the state is planning for the Division of

Rehabilitation Services. May is also Better Hearing and Speech Month. The Speech and Hearing Center had a family day which was quite successful.

May 30th through June 2nd is the disability mega conference in Nashville at the Airport Marriott. All information regarding this event is on the Arc of Tennessee website.

The City of Chattanooga is holding an open house at the Brainerd Recreation Center on May 21, 2007 from 6:30 until 8:00.

Meeting was adjourned by Sandra Booher, Council Chairperson

Next Meeting scheduled for June 4, 2007, at 3:00pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by
Katie Jones, Secretary**