

DAGWould?

Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019 Karns Senior Center 8042 Oak Ridge Highway

1. Welcome

Cindy Pionke, Strategic Facilities Engineer/ADA 504 Coordinator for Knox County, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. She recognized and thanked DAGWould? members who were present for the meeting: Anna Bass, Sandra Booher, Nancy Brown, Mark Brogan, Stanley Taylor, April Tomlin, and Shazi Ahmad.
2. Approval of August Minutes

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.
3. Set Next Meetings
 - a. October 17th: Bearden Library
 - b. November 21st: New Farragut Senior Center, if ready
 - c. December: motion not to meet was approved.
 - d. January 16th: Cliff Rodgers, Administer of Elections will talk to the group about how the County tries to make each voting location accessible for election days – not confirmed.
 - e. February 20th: Parks and Recreation focus (location TBD)
4. Discussion
 - a. Cindy recently found that Dogwood Elementary School wants to have some work done outside to accommodate students with accessibility needs. Vi Tran, GIS Analyst for Knox County's Department of Engineering and Public Works, has created a map from data provided by the Transition Plan with different colors indicating the different issues that need to be fixed, including compliance and the level of the need for the accommodation. Knox County would like to get a similar map for all the facilities in the Transition Plan that need accommodations.

- b. The DAGWould? Committee members are in agreement that the best place to start is outside. If one cannot get into the building, the need to fix issues inside is moot.
- c. The ADA will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in July 2020. Cindy is working with Knox County Schools Visual Arts Department to hold an art exhibition tied in with school curriculum and would like help with possible themes of the exhibit. The form can be found online at: <https://www.knoxschools.org/Page/14076>
- d. DAGWould? Fundraising ideas for the ADA's 30th Anniversary celebration:
 - i. Movie/video related to various disabilities
 - ii. Cupcakes decorated for 30th birthday
 - iii. Triathlon for elected officials with wheelchair obstacles, blindfolded path, and puzzles for the blind
 - iv. Display kids' art projects on exhibit around Knox County-Market Square, City/County Building, West Town Mall, Museum of Art
 - v. Vendor booths-Knox Makers, Catalyst Sports, STAR, Patricia Neal

On October 1, 2019 from 12pm-2pm, there will be a meeting at the disABILITY Center to brainstorm fundraising ideas for the ADA 30th Anniversary celebration.

5. Tour of the Karns Senior Center

The Karns Senior Center is only 4 years old, yet the accessibility consultants found several issues that need to be fixed. The DAGWould? Committee toured the facility and saw/experienced these issues firsthand. Some of the suggested accommodations were seen to be more important than others, but all committee members were in agreement that the window counter to the outdoor dining area is not a priority.

Cindy Pionke, adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.