

DAGWould?

Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2019 Bearden Branch Public Library 100 Golf Club Lane

1. Welcome
Cindy Pionke, Strategic Facilities Engineer/ADA 504 Coordinator for Knox County, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. She recognized and thanked DAGWould? members who were present for the meeting: Anna Bass, Sandra Booher, Nancy Brown, Stanley Taylor, April Tomlin, and Shazi Ahmad
2. Approval of September Minutes
Minutes from the September meeting were approved.
3. Adoption of the Voluntary Communication Card for Law Enforcement Officers
 - a. CODI and DAGWould? adopted the new volunteer communications card for the deaf and hearing impaired. 498 of these were distributed to the Knox County Sherriff's department.
 - b. In addition to the cards, the committee suggests implementing up to date training on these issues as part of the culture.
 - c. DAGWould? committee members were in agreement to order another 500 cards for distribution to the following groups, as well as others who may benefit from them. In the future, we may also want to tailor the cards to suit each particular organization:
 - i. Autism Society
 - ii. Hearing loss association
 - iii. Knox County Center for the Deaf
 - iv. SPARK
 - v. TBI Groups
 - vi. Tennessee School of the Deaf
 - vii. DisABILITY Resource Center
 - viii. Knox County Detention Center

4. Set Next Meeting
 - a. November 21st: County park and/or greenway, weather permitting. Cindy will have a Plan B nearby.
 - b. December: no DAGWould? meeting.
 - c. January 16th: West Senior Center, if ready per April Tomlin
 - d. February 20th: Health Department
 - e. March 19th: Knox County School location
 - f. April 16th: County park and/or greenway (if necessary)
 - g. May 21st: Knox Co. School Art Exhibition ADA Celebration
Possibly have students explain how they came up with their ideas to CODI and DAGWould? committee members.
 - h. June 18th: ADA 30th Anniversary

5. Discussion and Tour of the Bearden Branch Public Library
 - a. Factors to consider:
 - i. The number of visitors per library branch
 - ii. The ages of the libraries
 - iii. The number of barriers per the transition plan

 - b. Library branch and its number of barriers per the transition plan:
 - i. Lawson McGhee (21)
 - ii. Farragut (26)
 - iii. Bearden (26)
 - iv. Cedar Bluff (28)

 - c. Findings
 - i. Since the enactment of the ADA in 1990, 12 libraries have been built.
 - ii. The Transition Plan shows that they each have similar barriers/issues amongst themselves, as well as to Senior Centers.
 - iii. Barriers at issue in the Transition Plan, which were confirmed by the DAGWould? Committee:
 1. Library stack placements
 2. Bathroom accessibility
 3. Water fountain access
 4. Accessible parking location

Cindy Pionke, adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.