1. Meeting was called to order at: 4:03 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call:

<u>Present</u>- Allan, Austin, Brewer, Brookshire, Byrne, Callen, Cook, Davidson, Houston, Jones, Loebner, Neely, Orr, Plyler, Shilling, Shipley, Upton <u>Absent</u>- Huang, Petty, Sawhney, Secrest, VanDyke

Public Forum Guests- None

- 3. Bylaw Action Vote on Jones who had missed three meetings, after vote, Jones remains on CODI.
- 4. Approval of December Minutes: Approved by Austin and Neely carried.
- 5. Fixed Seating percentage in Restaurants:

Cook reported on fixed seating in restaurants. New Places downtown are receiving wheelchair user complaints. Though 5% is required, Cook would like to explore doubling that to 10% and working with plans review for new businesses for possible adaptable tables. Training and education of staff is important.

6. February Retreat/Workshop:

Allan reported on the February retreat/Workshop at DRC located at 900 Hill Avenue on February 15, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CODI will break up into committees, select chair, and set goals. After strategic plan groups will meet and set goals. Drinks will be provided, but bringing snacks is highly encouraged. Byrne will send list of committee members, strategic plan members, and emails for each member.

7. Committee Reports:

Transportation: No report

Nominating: No report

Bylaws: No report

8. Strategic Plan reports:

CE: No report

DFC: No report

L/V: No report

## 9. New Business:

Upton had questions about the Pedestrian Crashes presentation from December's
meeting as presented by Ellen Zaviska. Since Magnolia Avenue is going through the
street scape project, would it be a good time to revisit and address safety of
pedestrian crossings. Cook advised that CODI could offer to "eyeball" plans and
make recommendations. Cook will reach out and try to set up their attendance at
March meeting. If that is too late for this project, a special meeting could be called.

## 10. Announcements and Public Forum:

- Cook announced that the City of Knoxville and Knox County are working together to give an ADA Overview to anyone working in the City County Building to occur on February 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Upton had a question about accessible parking in Oak Ridge. Local Comcast there is
  reserving accessible spots for Comcast customers only. He would like ideas and
  input on how to best approach them about this. Byrne suggested documenting
  correspondence with them by sending letter through email or certified letter and
  requesting a response within a certain time frame.
- Shipley reported that HomeSource is a resource she recently found that has
  information on helping seniors, aging in place, affordable homes, credit counseling,
  and loans forgiveness.
- 11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.