



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities  
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
(12, March, 2012)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12, March, 2012 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jesus Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:01 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Jesus Lardizabal, Norman Kieke, Kathy Kasprisin, George Luc, Tanya Winters  
Absent members: Ron Lucey and Chip Howe

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to approve the February 13, 2012 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Kieke. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

2. **OLD BUSINESS** no old business conducted at this meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation:** Kelly Nichols and Patricia Bourenane - Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) - Discussion FY 2012-13 Action Plan process and request for input from committee.

- Key Federal Reports for NHCD
  - The City of Austin 5 year consolidated plan addresses the community's most critical housing, economic and public service needs; the goals and strategies found in the plan come from an extensive public input process.
  - The Action Plan specifies goals and priorities for the City for the following fiscal year, based directly on strategies from the 5 year plan. It also contains the City's applications for various federal grants including:
    - Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG)
    - Home Investment Partnership (HOME)
    - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
    - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
  - CAPER is an annual report prepared by the City for HUD and the public, detailing what the City accomplished with the use of federal funds throughout the year.
- Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)
  - Outlined in the CPP is a plan of action that the City will take to encourage public participation and discussion when developing the 5 year plan, the Action Plan, and CAPER.
  - Summary of City's CPP
    - Prior to drafting the plans, two public hearings will be held: one before the Austin City Council and one before the Community Development Commission (CDC).

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- Staff members from NHCD will gather input from the community and statistical data will be used to draft and prepare the FY 2012-13 Action Plan.
  - The draft report will be available for a 30 day public comment period beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> and lasting until July 1, 2012.
  - During that public comment period, two additional public hearings will be held on the draft report, one before the Council and one before the CDC.
  - The CDC can make recommendations to Council up until July 10, 2012.
  - On August 2, 2012 The Council will take final action on the NHCD FY 2012-13 Action Plan, and submit the report to HUD on or before August 15, 2012.
- 6 ways to take action
- Lend a Word
  - Rank your priorities
    - Homeless/Special Needs
    - Rental Assistance
    - Small Business Assistance/Commercial Revitalization
    - Housing Developer/Home Owner/Home Buyer Assistance
  - Create a Conversation
    - Financial Education & Empowerment March 30, 2012
    - Healthy Homes and Home Repair Services April 13, 2012
    - Affordable housing, across Austin April 24, 2012
  - Champion/hosting a Meeting
  - Voice your ideas at public hearing
    - CDC March 27, 2012
    - Austin City Council April 5, 2012
  - Give us your comments [NHCD@austintexas.gov](mailto:NHCD@austintexas.gov)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Access/Youth Committee –Chair Tanya Winters**

- Commissioner Tanya Winters gave a summary of the planning meeting for the third PSA meeting, which brainstormed ideas for the PSA and ways to distribute the final product.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> PSA made by the AMCPD and Channel 6 was a winner for the Barbara Jordan Media Awards that is sponsored by the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. The Awards program is scheduled for April 28, 2012 at Texas State University.
- Chair Jesus Lardizabal updated the committee on the Barton Pool Renovation project, the project will move forward with the design presented at the Design Commission Meeting.
- The Committee will start planning for youth and college events soon.
- Commissioner Winters announced that the committee will begin taking nominations for the Austin Access Awards, set to take place on August 2, 2012. Dolores will work with City staff to make registration available online.

#### **Awards/Employment Committee –Chair Jesus Lardizabal for Ron Lucey**

- On April 30<sup>th</sup> the Business of Work Seminar will be held to prepare job seekers with disabilities for the Goodwill Community Career Expo to take place the following day.
- Both events will take place at the Goodwill Community Center at 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** No action items were recorded for the March 12, 2012 Meeting.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No citizen hearings were held during the March 12, 2012 Meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** No Citizen's communication was recorded during the March 12, 2012 AMCPD Meeting.

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### 7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There were no expenses this month, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00
- White House Plans a Nine City Disability Tour, with members from the administration fanning out across the US for a series of conferences to address disability issues. One event is scheduled in Austin for March 28, at this time no information is available but Dolores will send out any information as she gets it.
- The ADA Office has an intern from Austin Corp, her name is Asia Arnold; she worked on the DMD brochure that was submitted to Denise and the committee for review. If the committee has any projects they need to work on please let Dolores know.
- The ADA Access and Sidewalk Taskforce, next meeting is March 28 at One Texas Center in the 13<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. There is one agenda item; Public Works staff will present an update on new accessible parking along South Congress.

### **CALENDAR**

- April 28, 2012 Barbara Jordan Media Awards at Texas State University
- April 30, 2012 Business of Work Job Readiness Seminar
- May 1, 2012 Goodwill Community Career Expo at Goodwill Community Center
- August 2, 2012 Austin Access Awards
- Oct 5-6, 2012 CTD Film Festival
- Oct 16, 2012 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
- Oct 17, 2012 Disability Mentoring Day

### 8. **Future Agenda Items:**

- Lady Bird Lake Boardwalk Accessibility, Dolores will ask for PARD to report at the next AMCPD meeting.
- Dolores will contact Ali Mozdbar from Transportation Department about plans for crosswalk signs and Hawk Signals; are they accessible?
- The committee would like a presentation from City staff on updates regarding accessibility to the City website.
- The committee should show the Award Winning PSA at an upcoming meeting.

### 9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the March 12, 2012 meeting by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Kieke. The motion was approved unanimously by all.