

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES April 9, 2012



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REGULAR MEETING
(09, April, 2012)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 09, April, 2012 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Ron Lucey called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

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

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the March 12, 2012 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: Patti Edwards - Chief Operations Officer- City of Austin Aviation Department: Status of videophones at ABIA

- Public Access Videophone (PAV)
 - The PAV allows deaf, hard of hearing, and persons with speech impairments to gain access to a wide variety of communication services in a public setting.
 - Video Relay Services through CSD interpreters
 - Video Point to Point allow calls to other video phone users
 - Internet Relay Services-high speed web browsing
- Implementation
 - ABIA will begin to roll out a new phone on April 18; the rollout process will take two days to complete. Due to the previous phone having issues, this rollout will be followed by a trial test period.
 - These are the locations that will have phones installed:
 - Phones will be located at gates 5 and 17
 - On the East End, a phone will be installed by baggage claim
 - Along with the new PAVs, ABIA is planning new directional signage.
 - Major communication media campaign is planned once they are tested.
- Feedback
 - Vice Chair Ron Lucey suggested that the information on videophones and signage be added to the ABIA online page on "Travel Tips for People with Disabilities" including:
 - 10 digit dialing is used with many phones including I Phones and Droids
 - ABIA will be offering the phones free of charge to use

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Presentation: David K. Taylor, Project Manager, City of Austin Public Works Department: Presentation on the Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake and The Butler Trail at Lady Bird Lake

➤ Project Summary

- There is a partnership between Public Works and Parks and Recreation to build a boardwalk on the South Shore of Lady Bird Lake stretching from Lake Shore Dr to Blunn Creek. The boardwalk will incorporate three access points and three sections Lake Front Promenade, Woodlands Trail and Skyline Views. The boardwalk will incorporate regular rest areas throughout with shade structures.
 - The trail will be ADA compliant with the main trail incorporating 5% grade and less than 2% cross grade along the length of the entire Boardwalk. The project has consulted with a Registered Accessibility Specialist to maintain compliance.
 - ADA compliant restrooms will be built at the Boardwalk's eastern planned access point, Lake Shore Plaza.
 - Time line for Boardwalk
 - The City began designing the Boardwalk in August 2008 w/public input.
 - Preliminary alignment was approved by Council in March of 2009.
 - Construction funding came from contributions from 2010 Mobility Bond and also from The Trail Foundation.
 - Final permitting to begin construction is nearing the completion stage.
 - Council will approve a contractor on April 26, 2012
 - Construction on the Boardwalk is scheduled to begin in spring 2012; with a completion date of late 2013.
 - Recent updates
 - LED lighting will be added to the Boardwalk handrails.
 - Dashed centerline divider and regulatory signs will be incorporated throughout.
 - The access point at Blunn creek will be rerouted, at this time no restroom is planned at Blunn Creek.
 - The Harper's access point by I-35N and Riverside is being redesigned.
 - Three shade structures will be placed on the Promenade segment of the Boardwalk which will be located on the Eastern End of Lady Bird Lake.
 - Plans for accessible parking to the trail are being made.
 - TTF Recognition panels at Lakeshore will become a landscape feature for the Board Walk.
- ### ➤ Feedback
- Commissioner Tanya Winters suggested that the ADA compliant restrooms, being planned for Lake Shore plaza have wider entry doors. Commissioner Winters also expressed concern for cobblestone paving that would be difficult for wheelchairs to navigate. Mr. Taylor responded that they planned to have limited brick paving on ADA grades as transitions.
 - Vice Chair Lucey suggested that both directional and interpretive signage be placed throughout the trail, with Braille wherever possible. He also said the rest areas along the trail should have information in Braille. Vice Chair Lucey suggested looking into QR codes that could be scanned on the trail by smart phones to access information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access/Youth Committee –Chair Tanya Winters

- Commissioner Winters has contacted the Mayor's Office for a meeting regarding including a Visitability requirements to the City Building Code.
- The City's exploration of Accessible Parking Programs includes Parking Mobility.
- The Austin Access Awards will be held on August 2, 2012 Online nomination forms for the awards will be available soon.

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- Commissioner Winters is working on an Accessible Side Walk Video with The Texas Department of Transportation (Tx DOT) she announced it should be completed soon.
- Commissioner George Luc would like to add a segment on web access for businesses.
- Commissioner Luc is working with Lauren Kinast from UT on an Open House for students with disabilities that will include other universities. Dolores will send George the new DMD brochure for review.
- Vice Chair Lucey congratulated Channel 6 on their winning the Barbara Jordan Media Awards from the Texas Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities for their PSA on Accessible Parking.

Awards/Employment Committee –Chair Ron Lucey

- Final preparations are underway for the Business of Work Seminar. The Seminar, planned for 100 attendees will take place on April 30 from 8:30am-3:00pm. Lunch and breakfast refreshments will be provided to seminar participants. Vice Chair, Lucey will request for Channel 6 to run slideshow for the seminar. Partners for the seminar include Capital Area Work Source Solutions and the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), UT HR Services, Goodwill Industries, Social Security Administration and Capital Metro.
- The Goodwill Community Career Expo taking place on May 1, 2012. Goodwill will host 50 employers at the fair, which will include accessibility services such as an assistive technology center, ASL interpreting and sighted guides. Both events will take place at the Goodwill Community Center at 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.
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4. **ACTION ITEMS:** No action items were recorded for the April 9, 2012 Meeting.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No citizen hearings were held during the April 9, 2012 Meeting.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

Michael Zitz Evanich citizen - reported that it was somewhat difficult to sign up to speak at City Council Meetings. Some suggestions he was given by the committee was asking for assistance to sign up, remembering the timing for his particular issue, and consider looking at the live web updates on Council Day to see when his item will comes up.

7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There were no expenses this month, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00
- Texas Agrilife Extension and the City of Austin are partnering to present the East Austin Garden Fair. This year's theme is "Grow Well-Grow Your Own" offering lots of information on creating your own garden space. Sign Language Interpreters will be available. The event will take place Saturday April 14 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Zaragoza Recreation Center 2608 E Gonzalez St Austin, TX
- ADAPT is having a Candidate's forum On April 11, 2012 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the ADAPT office located at 1640A East 2nd St Austin, TX
- The ADAPT Fun Run is scheduled for April 21, 2012 at the Yellow Jacket Stadium across from the Millennium Youth Center. You can register to participate at www.adaptfunrun.org.

CALENDAR

- Aug2, 2012 Austin Access Awards
- Sept 29, 2012 CTD Film Festival at Goodwill
- Oct 5-6, 2012 CTD Film Festival South Alamo Draft house

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- Oct 10, 2012 Use of Ionized Water in Brain Injury Recovery at Mary Lee Foundation 7-8:30pm call 443-5777 for more information
- Oct 16, 2012 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
- Oct 17, 2012 Disability Mentoring Day

8. **Future Agenda Items:**

- An update on Boarding Home Regulations should be a future agenda item.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the April 9, 2012 meeting by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.