



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

(10, December, 2012)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 10, December, 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: Vice Chair Ron Lucey, Chip Howe, Kathy Kasprisin, Norman Kieke, absent Chair Jesus Lardizabal and Commissioners George Luc and Tanya Winters

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to approve the October 08, 2012 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Kieke. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** The November 08, 2012 Work Session Notes were finalized and approved.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** Vice Chair, Ron Lucey took a moment to express appreciation to Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin for her 13 years of service, as she has expressed her intent to resign her position as Commissioner. He commented that because of her ongoing interest in accessible recreation and sailing programs, the committee would be sponsoring a brick in the ADA Accessible Pier in her name.

Presentation: The 2012 Media Award was presented to Jordan Smith of the Austin Chronicle during the meeting.

Presentation: Linda Espy Travis County Youth Work base Learning Program Manager, update on Work base learning program and services provided to youth with disabilities.

- Youth with disabilities stats from 2012 Program
 - 203 youth with disabilities from all across Travis County were recruited for the program.
 - 136 youth with disabilities were offered job placement through the program this year. (880 total participants offered placement)
 - 121 youth with disabilities accepted the program's offer of summer employment.
- Updates and Announcements
 - January 2nd is the starting date, for parents to apply for their youth to be in the program.
 - The program has not experienced too many issues with the new Capital Metro eligibility requirements for Metro Access. Metro Access

helps some of the program's disabled youth participants to get to their job sites.

- The program offers two summer sessions for youth and this year includes leadership training.
- Vice Chair Ron Lucey would like to make a link to the program on the DMD webpage, including a brochure, and scholarship applications. The Chair would like to use trainers to get the information to Linda
- Linda was asked by the committee to send the Youtube video link from this year's program to the commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters

- This committee did not have a report because the Committee Chair was absent at this meeting.

Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey

- Committee Chair Ron Lucey reported that discussions for the Business of Work Seminar had already begun. Jim DeWitt from UT will co-chair this year's effort.
- The Business of Work Seminar is designed to help approx. 100 job seekers with disabilities to find gainful employment by offering them workshops in interviewing, hiring, and maintaining employment. The Seminar coincides with the Goodwill Community Career Expo and is partnered with 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.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** No action items were recorded for the December 10, 2012 AMCPD Meeting.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the December 10, 2012 AMCPD Meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Sarah Elliott from Ability Connection Texas, introduced her organization to the committee. Ability Connection Texas provides technology and case services to people with disabilities. Their office is located at La Posada and more info can be found on their website at: www.abilityconnectiontexas.org
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez
 - **Budget:** report: There were no expenses this month, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00
 - The Office will conduct ADA Inclusion Trainings with PARD on Dec 11 and 21

CALENDAR

- December 18 AMCPD Holiday Party at Threadgill's

8. **Future Agenda Items:** None were discussed.
9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the December 10, 2012 meeting by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.