



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES July 08, 2013

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 08, July, 2013 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair Ron Lucey, Chip Howe
Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Tanya Winters
Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey to approve the June 10, 2013 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:**
For discussion and possible action -Visitability requirements inclusion into International Residential Code; Discuss Working Group strategy meeting date and agenda. The Committee is requesting that staff attend a subcommittee meeting to discuss the current draft
 - The Committee would like to meet with staff at 11:00pm on August 12th before the monthly meeting at noon.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
Presentation: John Meinkowsky, Policy Analyst, ARCIL- Discussion of DAPR, a Whole Community emergency management project, jointly proposed with ARCIL, America Command Training and Collaborative for People with Disabilities – in conjunction with Emergency Management, Fire, EMS and Public Health
 - DAPR Background 1- Fire Safety and Functional and Access Needs
 - The needs of people with disabilities during an evacuation may include:
 - Communication needs such as: reader or accessible print, sign language interpreting or other assistance with communication.
 - Medical needs for this population may include: personal attendant care, replacement of medical equipment or unique diet requests.
 - Mobility needs for people with disabilities may include: accessible transportation or mobility assistance.
 - Evacuations that have affected Texas in recent years
 - The Bastrop Fires caused mass evacuations in Bastrop County in 2012
 - During Hurricane Katrina-30% of the 120,000 evacuees who came to Houston were disabled or elderly.
 - Housing displaced individuals
 - Nationally for every 61 affordable housing units there are 100 extremely low income renters waiting for one of those units. This is decrease from 2007 where there were 71 units available per 100.
 - Among the least costly of these units for those in the 0 to 30% of AMI only 4.7% are currently vacant.
 - A City of Austin Housing Study found that there is a 40,000 unit gap for affordable housing for those earning 0 to 30% of AMI.

- Statistics
 - The State of Texas ranks 2nd among the states with the largest population of people with disabilities at 11.5%. Nationally 20% of the population is disabled.
 - According to FEMA in 2009-2011 of an avg. 2,495 residential fire fatalities 27.1% was related to an individual having a physical disability and 9.1% was related to an individual having an intellectual disability.
 - According to FEMA from 2007 to 2009, an estimated 700 residential building fires involved individuals with disabilities; these fires caused an estimated 160 deaths, 200 injuries.
- Introduction to Fire Safety
 - Emergency Management:
 - Centers around preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery.
 - Preparedness key factors include:
 - Training, apparatus, equipment, are key elements in preparedness.
 - Mutual aid agreements such as those made for mass transit for emergency evacuations also play a role.
 - Educating the public on the importance of being prepared is essential to any preparedness campaign.
 - Empowerment - citizens have a role to play in planning.
 - Preparing for a fire safe home-plan <http://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs> website
 - Situational awareness - Citizens should be familiar with resources.
- Risk Assessment
 - Things to be aware of:
 - What can burn (fire load), fire behavior- this changes throughout the day,
 - Knowing how to access and egress from an area, knowing the water supply, staging areas where to evacuate to, and the needs of the community are important planning steps to be prepared.
- Community needs
 - First Responder Community Partnership need for all hazards
 - Partnership on functional and access needs including communication, evacuation and sheltering.
 - Increase stakeholder's awareness through planning, training and refreshing skills through emergency exercises.
- Next Steps
 - AFD, ATC-EMS classes, exercises, on personal preparedness
 - Disability Stakeholder development in emergency preparedness
 - This development process focuses on building awareness in the disability community about the importance of personal preparedness.
 - The process will seek to get disability stakeholders involved in the development of emergency management.
- Discussion
 - A question was raised by the committee about the status of identifying people with disabilities; Maggie Elestwani said that the committee should follow up with the state where there are developments.
 - Vice Chair Ron Lucey suggested:

- That goal under tasks should be more measurable especially to gauge success.
- Taking the initiative to state independent living centers, a new registry for people with disabilities is starting with Texas 211.
- There are many groups associated with the committee that could be tapped into including: DARS, Mary Lee Foundation and Easter Seals.
- Commissioner Tanya Winters suggested that a PSA or other marketing tool could be used to market personal action. She suggested contacting Channel 6 and The City's Emergency Management Office so they could sponsor the PSA.
- Commissioner Chip Howe suggested getting with the Texas Governor's Committee for their emergency tool kit and other Texas prepares website resources. <http://www.texasprepares.org/>
- Commissioner Kathy Keller suggested using the power of social media to get the word out.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters

- Access Committee Chair, Tanya Winters updated the committee on the Austin Access Awards; 9 nominations have been submitted.
- There is still time to submit nominations for the Access Awards the nomination form can now be found online at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/austinaccessawards> the deadline for submissions is July 11.
- The Access Committee would like to get an update on downtown accessible parking.
- Commissioner Kathy Keller announced that the first DMD meeting was held on June 20.
- A motion was made for by Commissioner Tanya Winters to draft a letter of support for the Travis County Constable's office, who is applying for an accessible parking awareness grant from Texas Developmental Disabilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.

Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey

- Committee Chair Ron Lucey announced that the first planning meeting will take place on July 12 at DARS, and that a full quorum would be needed. Commissioners committing attendance are Jesus Lardizabal, Norman Kieke, Chip Howe and Ron Lucey.
- Commissioner Chip Howe announced that he had submitted nominations for the Governor's Committee Awards.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** action item recorded during the July 08, 2013 meeting

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5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the July 08, 2013 meeting.
 6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There were no citizen communications for the July 08, 2013 meeting.
 - **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez
 - **Budget:** report: There were no expenses the month of May, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00
 - ADA Onsite visits:
 - The ADA office has started the annual onsite visits with all departments. These meetings offer an opportunity to discuss requirements of ADA, communications, trainings, and to just check in and see if there is anyway the ADA office can assist City departments. In June, staff met with Austin Water Utility and Austin Police Department.

CALENDAR

- July 11 Austin Access Awards nomination deadline
 - August 8 Austin Access Awards at Council Chambers
 - Sept 10 & 12 Disability Mentoring Matching Meetings
 - Sept 27 Employment Awards nomination deadline
 - Oct 3 Disability Mentoring Day Proclamation presentation at Council Chambers 301 W 2nd Street
 - Oct 11 & 23 CTD Film Festival
 - Oct 15 White Cane Day
 - Oct 16 Disability Mentoring Day at Goodwill Community Center
 - Oct 28 Disability and Employment Awards
 - **Future Agenda Items:** The Committee requests an update from staff on the Downtown Accessible Parking Ordinance. Also, requests City Homeland Security Dept. for updates on Emergency Preparedness.
9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the July 08, 2013 meeting by Commissioner Norman Kieke; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.