



AUSTIN MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Employment and Awards Committee

July 12, 2013 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

DARS Administration Building 4800 N. Lamar # 315

Meeting Notes

Commissioners:

Ron Lucey, Norman Kieke, Chip Howe, Jesus Lardizabal

Awards Committee Members: Canzata Crowder, Freda Stripling, Katie Navine, Delia Sauls
Mitch Rappaport Guest: Julie Shasteen

Dolores Gonzalez, Staff liaison

1. Introductions

2. Location – discuss hotel bids

The top venues for this year's awards ceremony are:

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| 3. Crowne Plaza Austin | \$6,654.26 on October 28, 2013 |
| 4. Austin Marriott South | \$9,609.80 |
| 5. Doubletree by Hilton Austin | \$10,071.10 |

Jesus Lardizabal made a motion to select the Crowne Plaza Austin for this year's Employment Awards program. Norman Kieke seconded the motion. All agreed.

6. Keynote speaker – discuss ideas

- The subcommittee identified DARS Assistant Commissioner Barbara Madrigal as their first choice. **Dolores contacted and she agreed!**
- Bruce Elfant
- Mel Greene – Seton Hospital

7. Nomination form/ criteria – update

- Dolores will work with City staff to make “live” the nomination form.

8. Discuss marketing strategies for soliciting nominations

- Deadline for nominations set for September 27, 2013
- Canzata will again provide incentives to staff for submitting nominations.
- Ron will buy lunch for field managers with most nominations
- Reach out to partners i.e. Goodwill Industries, Mary Lee, AISD, Easter Seals
- Reach out to entrepreneurs – Canzata
- Ron mentioned the 11th hour calls made by Dolores and him to get nominations. Norman, Chip, Mitch and Frida all volunteered to make calls too.

9. Judges – Discuss ideas

- Katie volunteered to be the liaison with the judges.
- Ideas
 - Tim Spong with DARS - Canzata will contact him
 - Monica Elsbrock with Easter Seals – Norman will contact her

- iii. **Melissa Graves with Doubletree Hotel – Katie will contact her**
- iv. **Mel Greene with Seton – Katie will contact him**
- v. **Maximus – Freda will make contact.**
- vi. **Media only judges include Doug Matthews City PIO Director or his designee, Richard Steinberg from Austin Chronicle.**
- c. **It was suggested to create a data base with all judges – Dolores will work with Summer Intern on this project.**

10. Other

- a. **Bids for printing of program had been submitted. Speedy will print the programs for the same price as last year. (\$ 518.25)**
- b. **Bids for the blue acrylic awards had been submitted. The awards will cost \$ 550.80; this is a \$5.00 increase per award, but the committee decided to keep these awards.**
- c. **Program ideas**
 - i. **Begin award presentations with Commendations, instead of ending with them. Bring up all winners at one time and eliminate scripts for these winners.**
 - ii. **Chip recommended encouraging the employer of the Employee of the Year to come to the program.**
 - iii. **Consider Joe Gonzales as photographer – Canzata will follow up.**
 - iv. **Entertainment**
 - 1. **Diane Yoder – Canzata will ask**
 - 2. **Blue Mist – (3) person ensemble. They owe Canzata! 😊**

11. Other items for Employment Committee to consider

- a. **Request for Mayor Leffingwell to participate in a 30 second PSA highlighting the employment of persons with disabilities.(Request Council Member Mike Martinez to do the same in Spanish) The spot will feature a montage of persons with disabilities in work settings.**
 - i. **Media release – You tube, Channel 6, Channel Austin, and broad media. Include Michael Kerr on 95.5 radio.**
 - ii. **Include a letter from Mayor Leffingwell to all broadcasters.**
 - iii. **Distribution can also include Austin Human Resource Management Association (AHRMA). Their annual conference is August 1-2 with Gary Guller as keynote; he is a person with a disability and will be focusing on “how we perceive and treat others, and what can happen as a result.”**
- b. **Dust off the Business Leadership Network**
 - i. **Look at Hall of Fame winners for leader/champion**
 - ii. **Invite Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce**

iii. Capital Area Workforce Development Board

c. Next Meeting August

12. Adjourn