



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES August 12, 2013

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12, August, 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 Tanya Winters to approve the July 08, 2013 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

For discussion and possible action -Visitability requirements inclusion into International Residential Code

- The Committee discussed proposed language for the Visitability ordinance with COA staff members Dan McNabb and Tony Hernandez.
 - The language for the ordinance does not currently include *fee in lieu*.
 - City staff has met with Home Builders Assoc. during their regular meeting.
 - City staff is also meeting with the Mayor's Task Force on Aging.
 - Staff is still waiting on *fee in lieu* structure from the Law Dept.
 - The language for requirements in the ordinance reflects what is very doable for all.
 - The ordinance language establishes route to get into the dwelling, not necessarily from the street.
- Discussion/Action
 - Commissioner Kathy Keller requested examples of other cities' codes that include Visitability. Mr. McNabb said that he would send that.
 - City staff is requesting support from the Committee for this new proposed language.
 - A Motion was made by Commissioner Chip Howe to support proposed language for Visitability provided by staff with two site examples and also to ensure that "fee in lieu" was used to remove barriers; used by NHCD and administered by ABR Program; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.
 - Dolores will send city staff members support letters from other cities and the new language for the Visitability ordinance.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation: Commissioner Chip Howe: update on Travis County Voter ID meeting and implications for voters.

- Discussion
 - Commissioner Howe represented the Committee at this meeting. Travis County Clerk, Dana DeBeauvoir will be presenting at the Sept16 meeting to update the committee further. Please visit <http://www.traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/>
 - If you want to register. The deadline for voter registration is 60 days before an election. When registering the name must match the name on the identification document provided.

- Commissioner Winters asked about the opt-out option for voter id. Commissioner Howe responded by suggesting to check the website for more details. Commissioner Ron Lucey asked if meeting participants discussed the new voting equipment, but Commissioner Howe said no, they stayed to the voter ID topic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters

- Access Chair Tanya Winters provided a summary of the Austin Access Awards presentation that was held on Aug 8, 2013 in Council Chambers. After the presentation of the ADA Anniversary Proclamation, Access Award winners were recognized. All winners were present including: HEB Fuel Station, Jack Allen's Kitchen, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, Riverbend Church, Toy Joy and Wheatsville. Access Chair Winters thanked everyone for all their work including Commissioner Norman Kieke and City staff Dolores Gonzalez and Lee Nguyen.
- Disability Mentoring Day Commissioner Kathy Keller updated the committee on DMD preparations, a conference call meeting was held on August 7, 2013, DMD Committee members were currently following up with past mentors, food sponsors and poster design.

Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey

- Employment and Awards Committee Chair Ron Lucey updated the committee on the AMCPD Awards Program. The Awards Committee met July 12 to discuss keynote speaker, judges, nominations and location for this year's program.
- Since that meeting DARS Assistant Commissioner Barbara Madrigal has been confirmed as keynote speaker and three judges are now on board including: Dan Whiddon from Maximus, Monica Elsbrock and Tim Spong.
- The committee has also discussed strategy for marketing nominations. To nominate online go to: <http://www.Austintexas.gov/employmentawards>
- The Deadline for nominations is Sept 27 and the event date is Oct 28.
- The committee also discussed reviving Business Leadership Network. More to follow on this topic later.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** action item recorded during the August 12, 2013 meeting

- A Motion was made to support proposed language for Visitability provided by staff with two site examples and also to ensure that "fee in lieu" was used to remove barriers; used by NHCD and administered by ABR Program by Commissioner Chip Howe; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the August 12, 2013 meeting.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There were no citizen communications for the August 12, 2013 meeting.

STAFF BRIEFINGS: Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There were no expenses the month of August, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00
- Dolores has been invited to participate in an initiative being funded by the Federal Highway Administration. The City has been identified as a Pedestrian Focus City, and as such has been selected to participate in a Pedestrian Safety Workshop. We are part of an effort to make our City and Region safer for pedestrians. This will be a three-day workshop August 19-21. The purpose is to develop a draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan; this is an opportunity for the City to work with two top national pedestrian experts. Dolores will be out of office during this time, but responding to emails and calls.
- Dolores read the following report from George Zapalac from April 11, 2013:

City Council adopted an amendment to the City Code eliminating general parking requirements for new development in the CBD and DMU zoning districts in downtown Austin. Due to concerns about the potential impact upon the disabled community, however, Council included a provision to continue requiring accessible parking for the disabled for land uses of 6,000 square feet or larger. This requirement could be satisfied in one of four ways:

- Provision on accessible off-street on-site
 - Provision of accessible off-street parking in a separate parking lot or parking garage
 - Use of existing accessible on-street parking located with 250 feet, or
 - Payment of a fee in lieu of providing accessible parking, with the fee to be used to construct accessible on-street parking in the vicinity of the use.
 - Implementation of the last option, the fee-in-lieu option, is contingent on the adoption of eligibility criteria and administrative guidelines by the Director of the Planning and Development Review Department, as well as Council establishing the amount of the fee by amending the fee schedule. Staff is currently developing criteria for the fee structure and will provide recommendations to City Council in the near future
 - If there is no space available, what is the plan for building more accessible parking? How is the fee in lieu used if there is no space to create parking?
 - When there is no parking, can there be a reduced rate for valet parking? (since this is the only option sometimes)
 - Can you explain about the sleeves covering parking meters prohibiting parking? How does this work?
 - Highlight of news spots from Constable 5 office of accessible parking. Great!
- Commissioner Tanya Winters is seeking volunteers for Travis County Constable Precinct 5 Disabled Parking Program. For more information contact Tanya at 512-854-9100.

CALENDAR

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| • Sept 27 | Employment Awards nomination deadline |
| • Oct 3 | Disability Mentoring Day Proclamation Council Chambers |
| • 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: No future agenda item discussed during August 12, 2013 Meeting

ADJOURN – A motion was made to adjourn the August 12, 2013, meeting by Commissioner Ron Lucey; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved.