



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES May 12, 2014

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12 May, 2014 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

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

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair Tanya Winters, Norman Kieke, Ron Lucey and Adam Slosberg. Excused -Chip Howe, Absent- Kathy Keller

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez, Lee Nguyen

Motion: Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to move item Citizen Communication to before Item Old Business. Commissioner Adam Slosberg seconded the motion. All approved.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to approve the April 14, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** For discussion and possible action

- Stewart Hersh citizen-The City council will be considering an ordinance on Thursday May 22, to allow for Visitable Ramps in zoning setbacks of single family homes without a variance. The public is encouraged to come to testify and show support.
- Dolores Gonzalez read an email from Martin Kareithi with Capital Metro. The Capital Metro Board has approved summer service changes that will go into effect on Sunday June 8, 2014. 11 Routes currently operating on Congress Avenue will transition to Guadalupe and Lavaca streets. However, due to the X games routes will begin moving Wednesday June 3rd. The new schedule will begin with the service change on June 8. For more information please contact the Capital Metro Service Line or visit capmetro.org.
- Nadia Barrera with City of Austin Public Works Department: Accessible Urban Trails and a briefing on draft Urban Trails Master Plan. The first time new trail plan will incorporate ADA guidelines for outdoor developed areas. The urban trails should be planned to accommodate people with disabilities and connect various public services.
- Antoni Tsaputra Department of Social Affairs Podang City, Indonesia. He is here through a fellowship with International City Management Association (ICMA) to learn about the ADA and how it is incorporated into City government. This is also a networking opportunity to see local disability agencies, as well. He will be here through late May.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action

4. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action

- Presentation: Gordon Derr Assistant Director, Austin Transportation Department-Provide a briefing on draft complete streets policy developed by staff, as directed by City Council Resolution 20131212-080. A goal of the policy is to make Austin streets accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets is asking the Committee to support this initiative.

- The focus of complete streets is connectivity and making streets useable for everyone regardless of ability.
 - Various Hybrid beacons have been installed at high traffic pedestrian crossing area as part of the City's efforts to improve access.
 - Sidewalk projects have been completed to widen them for mobility devices.
 - The initiative has a goal to connect trails to transportation and sidewalks.
- Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to support Complete Streets Policy and request to have staff come back when more info is available and include stakeholders. Commissioner Winters amended the motion to include working on the recommendation language, send to commissioners for review and submit before the presentation at the City Council meeting on May 22. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Kieke. All approved.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters
 - Committee Chair Tanya Winters attended Walkability. She and Commissioner Kathy Keller both attended. Although the accessibility could have been better, they both acknowledge that it was good they were there to accentuate the issue of accessibility.
 - Committee Chair Winters also announced that on May 19 she will be representing the AMCPD on the CAN Community Council Panel to discuss people with disabilities. She will be giving a general overview of the Committee's mission, issues, events and goals.
 - Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey
 - Committee Chair, Ron Lucey gave a summary on the Business of Work Seminar to the committee. The program was held on May 9th at the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center 4800 N Lamar. The event served 73 job seekers.
 - Partners in the event include: Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Goodwill, Capital Area Workforce, the Social Security Administration and many local employers who served on a lunch panel.
 - The seminar's sessions included tips for a successful job interview, job search, and resume, how work affects Social Security and Medicare and working with a criminal history. A new feature was allowing for job seekers to have a one-on-one resume coaching. It was planned for 15 minute slots but determined that
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey commended City HR staff member Danyale Bunton and thanked her for her time serving as a one-on-one resume coach and participating in the employer panel.

5. ACTION ITEMS: action items that were recorded during the May 12, 2014 are recorded below.

- Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to support the Complete Streets Initiative; she amended the motion to include some time to develop language for the resolution, send to commissioners for review and submit to City Council before May 22. Commissioner Norman Kieke seconded the motion. All approved.
- An amendment to write a letter of support was made by Vice Chair, Tanya Winters and the amendment was second by Commissioner Norman Kieke. All approved.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: No public hearings were held during the May 12, 2014 meeting.

7. STAFF BRIEFING: Dolores Gonzalez

- Budget: report: There was no expense for the month of April, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00.
- For Commissioner Kathy Keller this year DMD will be held at the Asian American Resource Center on October 22. First planning meeting scheduled for May 29 at 11:30 am.
- 172 PARD staff has received training for this year, the office will pick up PARD training again in September.
- The ADA Office is conducting the annual onsite meetings. These onsites offer an opportunity for our office to discuss the ADA, communication and trainings with City departments and to check in to see if there is anything the office can do to assist the departments. This month onsites were conducted with Austin Energy, EMS, and Fleet Services.

CALENDAR

- May 4 National Mental Health Awareness Day was held at City Hall Plaza 12:00-2:00pm. Commissioner Adam Slosberg said he was proud that Austin was the first City to participate in the nationwide event and that Texas led with the most number of planned events. Commissioner Adam Slosberg thanked Mayor and Council.
- There are various events for National Mental Health awareness month; Commissioner Adam Slosberg named off sites to see the full list of events. Please visit IntergalCare.org, NAMIAustin.org events, and Texas Department of Mental Health Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division.
- May 13 Boards and Commission Taskforce will present final report to Council recommendation 60 boards and commission to 45. Commissioner Ron Lucey will like to keep the Mayor's Committee name if possible.
- May 12-14 John Slatin Access U being held at St. Edwards University go to knowbility.com for information on training and the conference.
- May 20 City of Austin Employment Expo at Palmer Event Center 12-4pm sighted guides, ASL Interpreters, and Spanish Interpreters will be present. Free parking.
- May 27-30 CTD assembling a focus group to test a voting machine. Please contact Chase Bearden 512-478-3366.
- Sep 19 Brain Injury Alliance of Texas Annual Conference
- Sep 24 Disability Issues Forum put on by Disability Voting Action Project
- Oct 15 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
- Oct 22 Disability Mentoring Day at Austin Asian Resource Center

8. Future Agenda Items: No future agenda items were discussed during the May 12, 2014 meeting.

9. ADJOURN – A motion was made to adjourn the May 12, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Norman Kieke; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.