



## Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES June 09, 2014

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 09 June, 2014 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Tanya Winters called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Dolores Gonzalez, Lee Nguyen

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Kathy Keller made a motion to approve the May 12, 2014 minutes with the typo change to the Awards Committee report, "was to be held" – change to "was held". Commissioner Ron Lucey seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
  - The memo to City Council regarding recommendation by Task Force to merge Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities with Commission on Seniors was reviewed. Commissioner Ron Lucey made a motion to approve the draft memo with the revisions discussed; Commissioner Kathy Keller seconded the motion. All approved.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
  - Presentation: Nadia Barrera, Public Works Department- Request for a recommendation from the Committee on the Accessible Trails Master Plan.
    - Commissioner Chip Howe made a motion that the Committee approve Recommendation 20140609-03A to Council on the Accessible Trails Master Plan Proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.
  - Presentation: Travis Hausmann, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Project Manager for Bus Stops Improvement and Martin Kareithi Cap Metro Accessibility Specialist -Update on Capital Metro Service Changes on Metro Rapid and Bus Stop Improvement Program.
    - Capital Metro June 2014 Service Change
      - The service change was completed on June 8<sup>th</sup> and took place in two phases that were well publicized.
      - Bus stop improvements were completed along both Guadalupe and Lavaca to facilitate the change.
    - Metro Rapid Update
      - Route 801 Service started with the January 2014 change. The route has 43 stations and uses the 60 foot articulated bus. The service interval for the route is 12-15 minutes.
      - Route 803 will begin with the August 2014 service change. The route has 34 stations and uses the 40 foot bus.
      - Travis will send a PDF copy of the Metro Rapid Service Routes to Dolores.

- Metro Bus Stop ADA Improvement Update
  - Capital Metro has an interlocal agreement with the City's Public Works Department Neighborhood Connectivity Division to upgrade existing bus stops to ADA standard and construct new ones, as needed.
  - In FY14, 160 projects have been completed. Within the past several years, 250-300 stops have been upgraded. The work does not focus on singular improvements, but on improving whole corridors.
  - In FY14, Capital Metro is focused on improvements along W 6<sup>th</sup> St, Exposition, Chicon, and Guadalupe corridors.
  - Currently, Capital Metro is working on major upgrades in the 12<sup>th</sup> St. corridor, and along 183 and Westgate.
- Also being phased in are new bus stop shelters.
- Project Connect
  - This is a regional transportation vision plan on how to connect surrounding cities to Austin. Plans include Urban Rail and North and Central transportation corridors. Martin passed out brochures and asked the public to visit [www.ProjectConnect.com](http://www.ProjectConnect.com) for more info.

➤ Committee Reports

- Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters
  - Committee Chair Tanya Winters – The Complete Streets Recommendation was submitted to Council before the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
  - Commissioner thanked Commissioner Norman Kieke for attending the May 19 CAN Community Council Panel representing the AMCPD on her behalf. He provided a general overview of the Committee's mission, issues, and goals.
  - Due to construction at City Hall, Commissioner Tanya Winters suggested that the Access Awards be moved to next year, but that an ADA Anniversary Proclamation could still be presented during the July meeting.
  - Commissioner Ron Lucey made a motion to present an ADA Anniversary Proclamation at the July meeting, and to combine the Access Awards with Employment Awards in October. Commissioner Chip Howe seconded the motion. All approved.
  - Committee Chair Tanya Winters encouraged nominations for the Access Awards; the nomination can be found the Committee's page online. <http://www.austintexas.gov/austinaccessawards>
  - Commissioner Kathy Keller reported to the committee that the Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) planning committee met on May 29. Discussed during the meeting was the good partnership with Darden Group, the need for a smoother registration, adding an employer panel to this year's event, as well as, an Employer's meet and greet for participants. Next conference call meeting is scheduled for June 25 at 11:30.
  - Commissioner Ron Lucey made a motion to support the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities contingent on approval from the City Clerk's office to list the AMCPD, as a supporter in the proposed letter from the Texas Bar Journal to publish a special addition to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA. Commissioner Chip Howe seconded the motion. All approved.
- Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey
  - Committee Chair, Ron Lucey recommends an Awards planning meeting in mid-June.
  - Committee Chair Ron Lucey suggests to start the planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA in 2015, maybe work towards a goal of a statue honoring Justin Dart,

the father of the ADA, on the City's new Boardwalk. He stated that it would be a good idea to lay the ground work even if it could not be completed by the ADA anniversary next year.

- Commissioner Chip Howe would like to revise the strategy for nominating businesses for the Texas Governor's Committee Awards Program. This year Commissioner Howe will write shorter nomination texts for each submission and encourage businesses to write more about themselves.
4. **ACTION ITEMS:** action items that were recorded during the June 09, 2014 are recorded in the above sections.
  5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the June 09, 2014 meeting.
  6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** For discussion and possible action
    - Bryson Smith a concerned citizen stated that it would be good idea for businesses with websites to include in those sites bus routes that are near their place of business to allow for people using public transportation to visit them.
  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.
    - The City of Austin Equal Employment Fair Housing Office will conduct two public meetings in June to gather input on whether to include "source of income" protection to provide additional housing opportunities for those using housing vouchers. The next Hearing is June 11, 2014 6-8pm at the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing Community Development Office 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> St, Room 400A.
    - Dolores read an email from John McNabb, about attending a meeting on behalf of the committee. Dolores read the request and said she would attend the meeting and give a follow up to the Committee.
    - The ADA Office is conducting the annual onsite meetings. These ADA 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 on sites were conducted with Municipal Court, Community Court, Building Services, Fire Department, Fleet Services, EMS, Office of Medical Director and Code Compliance.

#### **CALENDAR**

- Jun 10 Mary Lee Foundation Community Center Brain Injury Resources Meeting, 1339 Lamar Square Drive. Accessible on bus routes 3 and 338. For more information contact Chip Howe 512-443-5777
  - Sep 19 Brain Injury Alliance of Texas Annual Conference
  - Sep 24 Disability Issues Forum presented by Disability Voting Action Project at the Radisson Hotel.
  - Oct 15 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
  - Oct 22 Disability Mentoring Day
8. **Future Agenda Items:** Commissioner Ron Luce mentioned he wanted to get a presentation from City of Austin Homeland Security and Emergency Management to coincide with National Emergency Preparedness Month. Dolores responded that this presentation was already scheduled for August.
  9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the June 9, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Kathy Keller; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.