



# **AUSTIN MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

## **Meeting Notes – Annual Worksession**

**Monday, January 12, 2015**

### **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Jesus Lardizabal, Chair	Norman Kieke
Tanya Winters, Vice Chair	Katie Navine participated by phone B&C # 974-1322
Chip Howe	Ron Lucey
Kathy Keller	

#### **1. Introductions**

Chair Jesus Lardizabal made an announcement that the regular agenda items Would be tabled until the February 9, 2015 meeting.

#### **2. Accomplishments –FY 2014**

##### **a. Access and Youth Committee**

##### **b. Commissioner Tanya Winters identified the following:**

- a. Access Awards resulted in 7 winner and 11 nominations
- b. Disability Mentoring Day - 88 mentees participated
- c. White Cane Day 548 attendees for this event. Council Member Chris Riley presented the proclamation.
- d. A big victory for the disability community as the Visitability amendment, including the no-step, entrance passes January 2014.
- e. Mayor's Committee was presented the Martha Arbuckle award by the Governors Committee for innovative programs with their Business of Work program.
- f. Providing technical assistance to PARD regarding improvements at Barton Springs Pool.
- g. Submitted Recommendations: Urban Trails Master Plan, Seton Aerial Walkway, Complete Streets Policy, Vision Zero, Working with Commission on Seniors.
- h. Hosted international guests from Indonesia.
- i. Relationship with IDD Alliance of Central Texas (IDDACT). Katie/Tanya

##### **b. Awards and Employment Committee**

##### **a. Business of work Job Readiness Seminar**

- i. This year included individual interview coaching.

##### **b. Disability and Employment Awards Program – work with staff to update winners on web page.**

- b. Planning for B & C Transition

1. Commissioner Norman Kieke participated in the Task Force on behalf of the Mayor's Committee
- c. HSEM partnership
  1. Work with HSEM staff to design a flyer for National Night Out and inclusion of persons with disabilities.
  2. Work with HSEM staff to add page regarding Emergency Preparedness tips for people with disabilities on their annual calendar.

#### 4. Other

In April 2014- Conducted a public hearing on community needs in order to develop the following documents:

- a. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2014-19 - serves as a planning document for the City and an application for federal funding;
- b. The Annual Fiscal year 2014-15 Action Plan.

#### 3. Goals – FY 2015

- a. Develop a transition plan for new committee members
  - a. B & C transition- Consider presenting report to new council.
  - b. Schedule a meeting with new Mayor (What is the purpose in order to follow up with his staff? Staff will require this before scheduling. )
  - c. Consider tenure - with sample committee job description with skills, disability specific skills (some members can bring resources from their agencies) Ron provided an example. It was recommended to soften a bit and reduce it to one page. Maybe find a way to publicize this document. Deadline for comments is before the next meeting Feb 9.
  - d. Consider developing a council orientation manual of major events.
    - i. Includes contact and other details about all AMCPD events
      1. Tanya take the lead, include Jesus and Chip
      2. There are checklists available - Lee
      3. Include press releases for events
    - ii. Note –There has been less participation in events - include marketing tools in manual.
    - iii. It was suggested to also include recommendations for "dream team."
    - iv. For Awards -
      1. Consider a partnership with DARS include pooling resources.
      2. Make a recommendation to new committee including benefits of partnership.
- b. Other
  - a. ADA 25 Tour Bus - already involved. Committee members involved provided an update.
  - b. Also include some ideas for achievable commemorations for July anniversary. Include Access Awards, marketing at libraries, city web

banner, implementation of Visitability coming up in July, (plain language document- what it is and what it isn't) how to promote using social media, post ADA celebrations i.e. Live interactive event using Instagram and/or Facebook.

- c. Emergency preparedness -
- d. Accessibility initiative – Work with City staff to develop an Assistive technology policy. Ron and Kathy
- e. Business of Work who can take over? Ideas?

4. Presentation Ideas for monthly meetings February – June 2015

- a. Feb – Autism Speaks and City Benefits staff
- b. March - Invite Dennis Borel to provide a legislative update
- c. April – NHCD and include Foundation Communities
- d. May - debrief AMCPD events

5. Policy Recommendations

- a. Support expansion of Workbase Learning Programs
- b. Assist with Admin Bulletin - Assistive Technology & Procurement  
Ron & Kathy

6. Other

- a. Discuss revisions, improvements and new ideas for web page.
  - i. AMCPD members review web page and offer suggestions.  
(deadline?)

7. Action Items – as listed above

Adjourn