



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes February 10, 2017

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Joint Meeting with Commission on Seniors
MEETING MINUTES (10 February, 2017)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a Joint meeting with the Commission on Seniors on 10 February, 2017 at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

MCPD vice Chair Tonya winters called the Board Meeting to order at 5:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Tanya Winters, Vice Chair, Chris Masey, Marshall Mitchell, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo, Diane Kearns-Osterweil

Board Members Absent: Brian Owens, Chair, Kevin Jackson,
Staff in Attendance: Lee Nguyen

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Masey made a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 MCPD Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trejo.

Commissioner Orlowski requested that the video be reviewed regarding the report of the Access and Public Policy Committee report to determine if the report had been moved to Committee Member Announcements. Staff Liaison Nguyen indicated that a review of the video would take place and necessary modifications would be made.

- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Cathy Cranston, Adapt of Texas, Personal Attendant Coalition of Texas - March 8, there will be a rally and luncheon at the Smith Stones Family Library. Following the luncheon, there will be a march to the capital for a rally and legislative visits. The Coalition is lobbying for a \$13.00 base wage for personal care attendants. For a video of the communication, please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 2

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing and Discussion: Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan – Lawrence Deeter from Capital Metro provided a comprehensive overview of the plan. The plan has been revised several times over the past year, based on input from the public. Frequency was the highest priority identified, followed by Coverage, reliability and speed. Capital Metro is looking to simplify the system. Referred committee to Connections2025.org for more information. To view the entire Capital Metro presentation and discussion, please go to <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 3A.

B. Commission on Seniors Working Group Reports. To view the complete reports and discussion please visit

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 3B. Both committees discussed the interest for greater collaboration among working groups and standing committees.

- C. MCPD Committee Reports** Discussion and possible action regarding the reports from the Access and Public Policy Committee; Awards and Outreach Committee; and the Employment and Education Committee. To view the complete MCPD Committee reports please visit

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 3C.

c1. Access and Public Policy: APPC Chair Saenz reported that Adapt of Texas presented to the APPC. Issues included: What to do with Medicaid from a Federal level and how those decisions might impact states. How changes in the Affordable Care Act impact people with disabilities. Issues surrounding people with disabilities, who need attendants, finding quality care. There may be an issue that personal-care attendants are underpaid. Without personal-care attendants, people with disabilities may be forced into institutionalized care. It is important to continue Independent Living Care contracts, as they help people with disabilities receive necessary services in the community.

c2. Awards and Outreach Committee: MCPD Vice Chair Tanya Winters indicated that the committee did not meet. She indicated that the committee will be meeting more regularly, since the awards and recognitions events will be coming up.

c3. Education and Employment Committee: Committee Chair Chris Masey reported that the Education and Employment Committee had not met. There was no report.

- D. Budget Update/ADA Report:** To view the complete report and discussion please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 4A. Staff Liaison, Lee Nguyen reported \$6105.00 in the MCPD budget. There were no changes; however, the upcoming MCPD-sponsored events and activities would impact the budget in the future.

d1. The ADA Office will be working on the Citywide Implementation Report and will have it to the committee when it is completed.

d2. The ADA Office can work with The Commission on Seniors on training.

d3. Lee Nguyen will check the status of Facebook Page.

- 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** To view the complete discussion please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 5A.

- A.** Commissioner Deborah Trejo: Review and consider recommendation related to the impact of Connections 2025 on Metro Access;

Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil - Discuss changing time and/or day of regular monthly meeting.

Commissioner Orlowski - Consider dissolving joint meeting between Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and Commission on Seniors.

- 5. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** To view all announcements and discussion please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02102017-635> and view item 6.

Commissioner Masey – Requested specific information on a particular zone. Martin Kareithi, Cap Metro ADA Coordinator indicated that more information would be gathered before a final direction could be addressed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to adjourn February 10, 2017 MCPD meeting. The motion was second by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.