



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes May 12, 2017

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (12 May, 2017)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12 May, 2017 at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

MCPD Chair Brian Owens called the Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Brian Owens, Vice Chair Jonathan Franks, Commissioners: Kevin Jackson, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo, And Sarah Webb Members Absent: Chris Masey

Staff in Attendance: David Ondich

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to approve April, 2017 MCPD Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Danny Saenz seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **Citizen Communication: The following Citizen** communication was made during the May 12, 2017 MCPD Meeting. To view the complete citizen communication and commissioners' comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 2
 - A. Casey Dean – AmeriCorps Intern for the Fair Housing Office. Presented the housing survey including the responses. Attempting to expand the outreach effort. Asked MCPD to encourage constituents to complete the survey;
 - B. Karen Seroni – Discussed ADA issues related to the installation of speed cushions. Described how the recently installed speed cushions negatively impact her disability;
 - C. Pam Jacobs – Neighbor of Karen, previous speaker. Same issues as Karen and wanted to provide additional testimony to request that the speed cushions be removed;
 - D. Wendel Handy – Becoming a committee member or commissioner. Introduced himself to the committee prior to making application.
3. **Staff Presentation** – Chair Owens asked that the Austin Pedestrian Safety Action Plan presentation be moved up. There was no objection.
 - 4B. Joel Meyer provided information about the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and efforts to get information from stakeholders with disabilities. Citizen, John Woodley presented several photos that he had taken at various areas in the city showing poorly designed sidewalks, crosswalks and curb cuts. To view complete presentation and discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 4B
4. **New Business:**
 - A. Amend bylaws to change name of MCPD – Commissioner Deborah Trejo stated that since the committee is no longer associated exclusively with the Mayor, she recommended that the committee be re-named Committee for People with Disabilities. Motion made by Commissioner Deborah Trejo to

amend bylaws and change MCPD name to Committee for People with Disabilities, the motion was seconded by Vice chair Jonathan Franks. Following discussion a vote was taken. The motion passed 7 to 1, with Chair Owens voting "Nay". To view commissioners' comments and complete discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 3A

- B. Motion made by Vice Chair Jonathan Franks to consider replacing subcommittees with working groups, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Jackson. The motion passed unanimously. To view commissioners' comments and the complete discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 3B
- C. Commissioner Robin Orlowski nominated herself to represent MCPD on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). She received a second from Commissioner Kevin Jackson. Chair Owens offered to serve as the alternate to the JIC if needed. To view all discussion and action items please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 3C

5. Staff Briefing: David Ondich provided the committee with a staff report. Orlowski, Trejo form a working group to look into the development of Facebook Page. To view the complete staff report and commissioners' comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 4A

6. Future Agenda Items: Consider a joint meeting between MCPD and Integral Care; Discuss a recommendation whether or not the MCPD should formally oppose speed cushions if they will specifically cause exacerbation to a person with a disability; Request legislative update from Commissioner Masey. To view commissioners' comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 5

7. Committee Announcements: Commissioner Jackson indicated that Pathways to Justice has their event planned. Some details are still being worked out, but it will be at the Asian American Resource Center on July 7; Commissioner Orlowski announced an AIDS rally on May 21 at City Hall. To view complete announcements and commissioners' comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05122017-612> and view item 6

8. Adjournment: Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to adjourn then May 12, 2017 MCPD meeting. Staff Liaison did not capture which Commissioner seconded. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.