



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes October 11, 2019

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (11 October 2019)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on October 11, 2019 at the Board and Commission Room #1100 located inside City Hall at 301 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER: With quorum present, Vice-Chair Rachael Gandy called the October 11, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Vice-Chair Rachel Gandy and Commissioners: Taurean Burt, Joey Gidseg, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Jose Levy, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz, Emily Shryock, Deborah Trejo. Committee Member Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks

Staff in Attendance: Lee Nguyen, ADA Program Specialist

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Robin Orlowski made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities August 09, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emily Shryock. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: citizen communications took place during the October 11, 2019 MCPD Regular Meeting including.

- 2A. Lindsey Zischke Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) concern on access to Rideshare pick up area at Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). Lindsey discussed AIRA remote sighted guide technology for people who are blind or low vision, ABIA does not currently provide this service. GCPD would like the City to host a job employment seminar for youth with disabilities. To view citizen's communication in its entirety and commissioner's comments please visit:
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 2
- 2B. Jesse, US Census Partnership Specialist Billy Horton, US Census Partnership Specialist encouraging people with disabilities to participate in 2020 US Census and also communicate on job opportunities with the 2020 Census. To view citizen's communication in its entirety and commissioner's comments please visit:
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 2.
- 2C. Carlos Leon, Citizen spoke on Disability related matter regarding language. To view citizen's communication in its entirety and commissioner's comments please visit:
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 2
- 2D. Emeline Lakrout, University of Texas at Austin (UT) Disability Advocacy Student Coalition president, communicated with the committee on accessible paths near UT blocked by scooters, Disability Fest at UT on October 17. To view citizen's communication in its entirety and commissioner's comments please visit:
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 2.
- 2E. Jose Levy MCPD Commissioner introduced himself to the Committee as Council Member's Delia Garza appointment.

Vice-Chair Gandy: moved item 5B to the front of the agenda after citizen's communication. See item 5B for additional information.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- 3A. Discussion and Action to review nominees for the 2019 Disability Employment Awards and select award recipients – Vice-Chair Gandy, Commissioners Kearns-Osterweil and Shryock, Full Committee. Vice Chair Gandy communicated that the working group is working on the logistics of the Awards. To view the discussion and commissioners' comments in its entirety, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 3A
- 3B. Discussion and Action on finalizing the MCPD 2020 regular meeting schedule – Chair Franks, Full Committee. The Commissioners' would like the staff liaison to research availability of other locations and times before approving the schedule. To view the discussion and commissioners' comments in their entirety visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 3B.
- 3C. Discussion on accessibility to the UT Austin Bass Concert Hall – Commissioner Gidseg and Vice-chair Gandy. Commissioner Gidseg communicated that the item should have been taken off the agenda. To view the discussion and commissioners' comments in their entirety, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 3C.

4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

Report on meetings/activities of the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) – Commissioner Orlowski. The Committee is looking to see what other commissions would be added to the JIC, JIC staff and executive liaison would like to introduce themselves to the MCPD. The 2021 Budget Cycle is about to start with a stepped up timeline. To view Commissioner's Orlowski's Report in its entirety and commissioners' comments please visit

5. STAFF BRIEFING

- 5A. Report on the City of Austin ADA Program Office by Lee Nguyen, ADA Program Specialist. The ADA Office reports will be provided to commissioners when they are ready. To view the communication in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 5A.
- 5B. Presentation from Daniel Honker, Sr. Business Process Consultant, Communication and Technology Management, Office of Design and Delivery on efforts to inventory city services and improve accessibility. To view the presentation in its entirety, and commissioners' comments and questions please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 5B.
- 5C. Presentation from Jason Redfern, Austin Transportation Department Parking Enforcement Manager regarding efforts to mitigate scooter clutter along the pedestrian rights of way. Vice Chair Gandy tabled the item as Mr. Redfern was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Commissioner Announcements There were announcements from Commissioners' Trejo, Burt, Orlowski, Shryock and Vice-Chair Gandy. Commissioner Burt made an additional announcement in future agenda items 7 & 8. To view all announcements please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 6.

7. Future Agenda Items

- 7A. Homeless blocking City Right of Way (ROW), recommendation to allow passage on ROW
Commissioner Burt and Trejo
- 7B. Language Access in Courts Commissioner Gidseg

- 7C. APD Mental Health Taskforce Commissioner Gidseg
- 7D. Austin Travis County Hate Crime Taskforce recommend an MCPD member apply to join. Commissioner Orlowski
- 7E. Budge 2021 planning recommendations Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil
- 7F. Discuss Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) pick up area and AIRA at ABIA. Commissioner Trejo.
- 7G. Partnership in Youth Disability Employment initiatives have Goodwill Central Texas come to present Commissioner Trejo
- 7H. Discussion on scooters blocking right of way Vice-Chair Gandy.
- 7I. Definitions in Strategic 2023, have staff come to discuss adding disability terms to definitions. Vice-Chair Gandy and Commissioner Orlowski

To view the Commissioners' discussion and comments in their entirety please visit:
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10112019-597> and view item 7 & 8.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Orlowski to adjourn the October 11, 2019 meeting of the MCPD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Gandy adjourned the meeting at 6:41p.m.