

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2010



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REGULAR MEETING
(11, January, 2010)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 11, January, 2010 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Norman Kieke called the Board Meeting to order at 12:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Norman Kieke, Chip Howe, Kathy Kasprisin, Jesus Lardizabal, George Luc, Ron Lucey, Tanya Winters

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner George Luc. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
2. **OLD BUSINESS-** no old business items were discussed at the January 11, 2010 AMCPD Meeting
3. **NEW BUSINESS-**
 - a. **Presentation: Diane McDiarmid Executive Director Austin Rowing Center, Matt Nifton and Dennis Borel board members - Update on accessible rowing programs.**
 - Ø Program Summary
 - 501(c)(3) Status pending for the Texas Rowing for All.
 - The program was initially started with Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI), Texas School for the Deaf (TSD), Wounded Warriors and Mc Beth Recreation Center.
 - In April, the program begin membership with the Paralympic in Austin
The program, through Wounded Warriors, received a grant for Paralympics.
Texas Rowing Center champions inclusion in all sporting events.
 - Ø Program News
 - The program Rock the Boat helped rowers gain confidence by paddling and rowing; it is the only program of it's kind to be offered to persons with intellectual disabilities.
 - In November 2009, The Austin Rowing Center sponsored a camp.
 - Work with persons on individual basis and abilities.
 - For more information on the Texas Rowing Center or it programs, please email diane@texasrowingcenter.com or call 512-769-9003.
 - The Texas Rowing Center is always looking for funding to purchase adaptive equipment for its programs.
 - b. **Discussion and motion:** No discussions or motions were conducted during the January 11, 2010 meeting of the AMCPD.

c. **Subcommittee Reports**

∅ Access Subcommittee –Chair Tanya Winters

- The Access subcommittee is looking to connect with Constable Bruce Elfant for developing a PSA on accessible parking.
- The Subcommittee is accepting nominations **year-round** to prepare for the July Austin Access Awards.

∅ Awards Subcommittee –Chair Chip Howe

- The Awards Subcommittee is finalizing submission for the Governor's Committee employment awards.
- The Subcommittee is making a Barbara Jordan Media Award submission for a Channel 6 documentary "Tommy's Wish."

∅ Employment Subcommittee –Chair Ron Lucey

- Members from the Employment Subcommittee met with Goodwill to begin preliminary planning for the Community Career Expo.
This year, the expo will be held at the Goodwill Community Center
Members of DARS are participating in this year's planning committee.
- The Subcommittee will be planning with Easter Seals Central Texas, the Business of Work Seminar in conjunction with the Community Career Expo.
- The Subcommittee has introduced the Travis County Workbase Learning Program to DARS Transition Counselors.

∅ Youth Initiatives Subcommittee- Commissioner George Luc

- The Subcommittee continues to communicate with Mc Beth Recreation Center, ACC Dance Theatre, and Ballet Austin in including youth with disabilities in programs.
- Krysta Hampton, associate member, discussed collaborating with the University of Texas at Austin (UT) and TSD.
The collaboration would be to plan a half day event including a class audit and lunch for incoming students with disabilities to explore education career options.
Members from the AMCPD, AISD, and DARS can visit to promote their services to students with disabilities
- Pathways will be a presenter at the February 8 AMCPD Meeting.

4. **Action Items:** There were no action items during the January 11, 2010 AMCPD Meeting.

5. **No PUBLIC HEARINGS** were held during the January 11, 2010 Meeting

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** January 11 2010 Meeting

a. Nancy Crowther, Capital Metro Accessibility Specialist

- ∅ Effective January 29, 2010, I will be retiring after 20.5 years of service.
- ∅ Lots of improvement in that time for transportation
- ∅ I will be dedicating my free time to the Community, and as an Associate member of the AMCPD, I will be working with the Access Subcommittee on the Accessible Parking PSA.

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7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez
 - a. Budget/ Update one expense for the month of December 2009, CTD annual membership renewal \$100.00 leaving balance of \$6,005.00
 - b. Calendar
 - Ø Jan 27 Self Advocacy Parents of children with disabilities lunch provided contact Tanya Winters twinters@thearcoftexas.org for more info
 - Ø April 24 Fun Run for Disability Rights, contact Workforce Solutions 6505 Airport Ruthie Ramirez 597-7278

8. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the January 11, 2010 meeting of AMCPD by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.