

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2010



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REGULAR MEETING
(12, April, 2010)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12, April, 2010 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Norman Kieke called the Board Meeting to order at 12:02 PM

Krista Schutz-Hampton was thanked for her involvement with the committee and for her work at the UT Office for Students with Disabilities. She was thanked for recruiting someone to replace here at an AMCPD Associate Member.

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 March 08, 2010 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner George Luc. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
2. **OLD BUSINESS-** No old business was discussed during April 12, 2010 AMCPD Meeting.
3. **NEW BUSINESS-**
 - a. **Presentation: Leslie Bailey and Sarah Brody Goodwill of Central Texas Community Rehabilitation Services**
 - Services include
 - Goodwill has made efforts to enhance access and adaptive technology needs
 - Alternative formats such as Braille and Large Print texts are provided by Goodwill Industries to increase accessibility to its programs.
 - The presenters show cased a portion of a new DVD highlighting the services that Goodwill Industries provides, as well as, efforts to increase community awareness.
 - Video details
 - Goodwill Industries works with clients through a GTOPS grant provided by the City of Austin (COA) that includes funding to purchase assistive technology.
 - Goodwill Industries also provides computer labs to train clients through this grant
 - Captions and employer testimonials are included
 - The Work Adjustment program offers paid training for DARS referred clients, to learn skills for the retail industry. The skills that are learned include soft skills, working with a supervisor, and goal setting.
 - b. **Discussion: 20th Anniversary of the ADA Celebration**
 - A Proclamation should be obtained from the Mayor's Office.
 - Nominations for the Access Awards
 - Citizen Communication
 - It was suggested to plan for a panel of veteran advocates for the July Meeting

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- Another idea was for the committee to make buttons with an "Austin 20th ADA Anniversary" logo to use at celebrations in July.

c. Discussion: May 10 AMCPD Meeting

➤ Agenda items

Suggestions were made by Chair Norman Kieke for the May agenda to include an update on the resolution to increase the commissioner's roster from seven to nine. Additionally, for the committee to see if there is a need for follow up with the Capital Metro Open Records Request. The motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey and seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

d. Subcommittee Reports

➤ Access/Youth Subcommittee –Chair Tanya Winters

- A meeting is being set up for late April with Channel 6 to further discuss the accessible parking PSA, which will schedule the shoot sometime in June.
- The Austin Access Awards will take place on July 29th to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the passage of the ADA.
 - Members of the AMCPD are encouraged to nominate businesses.
 - The link for the nomination form can be found the AMCPD Website.
- Commissioner Luc reported that on April 13, 2010 an open house for a pilot mentoring project will take place on the UT campus.

➤ Employment/Awards Subcommittee –Chair Ron Lucey

- Dolores, Ron, and Theresa, attended an advisory meeting with the Austin Travis County Work Base Learning Program.
- The meeting went well and the Subcommittee looks forward to improvements in the program, Staff will update the committee on progress.
- An Employment Meeting was held to talk about Business of Work Seminar and the Community Career Expo. The subcommittee will request a Councilmember to provide opening remarks at the Community Career Expo.

4. Action Item for April 12, 2010 AMCPD Meeting:

- Suggestions were made by Chair Norman Kieke for the May agenda to include an update on the resolution to increase the commissioner's roster from seven to nine. Additionally, for the committee to see if there is a need for follow up with the Capital Metro Open Records Request. The motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey and seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
- Another motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey to schedule a city staff to discuss Transportation Bond Election items to provide input on accessibility projects. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

5. No PUBLIC HEARINGS were held during the April 12, 2010 Meeting.

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No Citizen communication took place during the April 12, 2010 Meeting.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS: Dolores Gonzalez

- a. Budget: There were no expenses for the month of March 2010, balance of \$6,005.00 remains.

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- b. Dolores coordinated a meeting for the disability community to provide input for the City website redesign to ensure accessibility. As a result, the contractors may be asking for people to review and test the site for accessibility. Citizens with disabilities and representatives of people with disabilities including Knowbility were on hand to provide information to the redesign team.
- c. The ADA office has created a Service Animal Policy to provide guidance to all city departments including PARD and APL. The office will also be working on other policies including ASL interpreters and accessible parking.
- d. ADA office staff will be attending an Equal Employment Fair Housing Conference hosted by our own City EEO office to discuss employment and housing issues April 14-15.
- e. All commissioners are reminded to keep their council members informed on AMCPD issues and to take the Board and Commissions refresher training course
- f. Calendar
 - April 13, 2010 PARD Meet and Greet with 2 Assistant Directors George Washington Carver Museum
 - April 16, 2010 Transition to the future conference
 - April 17, 2010 Paralympics Experience Texas Rowing 8:00am-4:00pm
 - April 21, 2010 "Including Simon" Documentary St Phillips Church Round Rock
 - April 22, 2010 ADA Roundtable at Winters Building
 - April 24, 2010 ADAPT Fun Run Yellow Jacket Stadium
 - April 28-29, 2010 Affordable Housing and Transportation Conference Hyatt Town lake
 - April 30-May 2, 2010 Actual Lives Show Dougherty Arts Center
 - May 7, 2010 Business of Work Seminar Criss Cole
 - May 12, 2010 Community Career Expo Goodwill Community Center

8. Future Agenda Items

The Committee will put on May's agenda an update on the resolution to increase the number of commissioners from seven to nine.

Request a speaker - City representative to talk about City bonds Bond Election items and budget to be discussed at May meeting:

- Funding for sidewalk network to provide input and support on accessibility projects. Invite Urban Transportation Commission members
- Increased funding for Austin Travis County Youth Work based learning pro

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the April 12, 2010 meeting of AMCPD by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. The motion was approved unanimously by all.