

**Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES May 10, 2010**



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REGULAR MEETING  
(10, May, 2010)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 10, May, 2010 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

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

Board Members in Attendance: Norman Kieke, Chip Howe, Jesus Lardizabal, George Luc, Tanya Winters. Absent Kathy Kasprisin (excused absence), Ron Lucey (non-excused absence)

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Chip Howe to approve the April 12, 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 May 10, 2010 AMCPD Meeting.
3. **NEW BUSINESS-**
  - a. **Update: On resolution to increase members on committee from 7 to 9**
    - **No Response:** There has been no new communication with Council Member Laura Morrison's Office; the committee will continue to ask Council until it receives a response.
  - b. **Update: Capital Metro Open Records Request**
    - **Follow Up:** The committee received a information from Capital Metro; this has been sent to John Meinkowsky, who in turn sent it to Advocacy Inc.
  - c. **Presentation: Sheila Holbrook-White and Boone Blocker, Commissioners, Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) Draft Resolution to complete City sidewalk Network and Discussion of Bond Package. Opportunities for AMCPD to partner with Citizen Taskforce.**
    - The UTC and the AMCPD have similar goals and should work together
    - The draft resolution to complete the City Sidewalk Network will be attached to the minutes for next month's packet.
    - Boone Blocker Citizen Task Force- Bond Election
      - The Bond Package provides a section on sidewalks; input can be accepted until May 24
      - Shelia will provide a revised draft to council that will include AMCPD comments
    - Boone Blocker, Citizen Task Force-will review bond package and make it's recommendations to council.
      - Strategic Mobility Plan
        - Vision:" An integrated mobility network for all of Austin that provides safe, efficient, and diverse choices for people to travel"
        - Mission:" Prioritize City transportation plans and investments according to key community values to meet the vision"
        - Identifying gaps in the network- such as missing sidewalks curb ramps, and inaccessible bus stops are key goals for the Strategic Mobility Plan.

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- Defining Community Values-Solutions to gaps in the network should be: sustainable, environmentally friendly, cost effective, address existing needs, and recognize that different problems may need different answers.
- Defining Success- A strategic plan that incorporates a regional transportation network that includes various forms of transportation that is accessible, affordable, supports Austin economic vitality, and ensures quality of life is the goal that the Citizen Taskforce wishes to achieve.
- Timeline for Gap Prioritization and Bond Package
  - Identify gaps ASAP : [www.StrategicMobilityPlan.com](http://www.StrategicMobilityPlan.com) there is still time to get projects on Gap List by May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 24 May: Staff members will provide prioritized list of gap list for CTF discussion
  - 14 June: Staff members will present Initial Draft Recommended Projects for November 2010 and Preliminary Projects for November 2011
  - 17 June: A Public Forum will be held to present projects and take comments
- Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal recommended that AMCPD submit 10 projects from the Pedestrian Master Plan for inclusion in Bond Package. Shelia reports that high red priority projects from the plan are already included in this year's bond package.
- Shelia encourages the AMCPD to testify at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing.
- Contact Boone Blocker for more information on CTF and bond elections Voice: 512 426 4966 email: BooneJBlocker@austin.rr.com

### d. Subcommittee Reports

#### ➤ Access/Youth Subcommittee –Chair Tanya Winters

- A meeting was held with Channel 6, where it was decided that two PSAs will be produced and scheduled for shooting this summer. They will be sending an open casting call for actors.
- The Access Subcommittee has received 11 nominations for the Austin Access Awards scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> @ City Hall.
  - The Subcommittee will make a new pitch for more nominations
- UT Mentoring Day – a debriefing was held to improve last year's event. One item is to improve online nominations for scholarships.
- UT Open House - Lauren Kinast - UT Office of Services for Students with Disabilities
  - McNeil High School and Texas School for the Deaf were hosted at UT. The group of students included juniors and seniors.
  - The students met with UT career counselors, and mentors, and were taken on a tour of campus.
  - The Open House received good feedback from the students who felt excited and engaged.
  - Krysta Shultz-Hampton - though the program was a great success it also provided an opportunity to expand and build upon similar, related projects with high school students with disabilities.
- Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal reported that he and Associate Member Boone Blocker went to the meet and greet for the new PARD assistant directors.
- Commissioner Tanya Winters reported that Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal and Associate Member Boone Blocker and she testified at the PARD public meeting for the PARD Barton Spring Pool Modification project in favor of an accessible entrance at the south entrance to Barton Springs Pool.

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- Employment/Awards Subcommittee –Associate Member Curt Voelkel for Subcommittee Chair Ron Lucey
    - The Business of Work Seminar was a great success!
      - The Subcommittee would like to thank their partners, DARS, Easter Seals Central Texas, Social Security Administration and finally Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center for the use of their facilities.
      - The event was well organized thanks to Commissioner Ron Lucey's leadership and organizing committee.
      - In total 85 participants participated in panel discussions with employers, as well as, four breakout sessions including Social Security and Work in Texas.com
    - Community Career Expo
      - For more information on the event visit Goodwill.org
      - The Event will take place on May 12 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Goodwill Community Center located at 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.
      - Accommodations being provided include: ASL interpreters, sighted guides, assistive technology and including Spanish Translators
      - Please bring resumes and take part in the optional interviewing class sessions.
    - The Work-based Learning Program Advisory Committee had its first meeting to evaluate the program's effectiveness; preliminary results are very positive.
    - Planning for the Awards Program will began in June with the selection of the location.
4. ACTION ITEMS: none recorded during the May 10, 2010 AMCPD Meeting:
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None held during the May 10, 2010 Meeting.
6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No Citizen communication took place during the May 10, 2010 Meeting.
7. STAFF BRIEFINGS: Dolores Gonzalez
- a. Budget: There were no expenses for the month of April 2010, balance of \$6,005.00 remains.
  - b. Calendar
    - May 12, 2010 Community Career Expo Goodwill Industries, 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.
    - May 23, 2010 Constable Bruce Elfant's Ice cream Social
    - July 29, 2010 Access awards/Celebration ADA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – City Hall 5:30 PM
    - Working with SSI 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Work Source 6505 Airport
8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**: Jennifer Mathews, Coordinator- Texas Microboard Conference will be invited to present.
9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the May 10, 2010 meeting of AMCPD by Commissioner Tanya Winters; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal. The motion was approved unanimously by all.