

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



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REGULAR MEETING
(11, October, 2010)

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

Chair Norman Kieke called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

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

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal to approve the September 13, 2010 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner George Luc. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

Planning Discussion: November Work Session, start time 11:30am pizza and drinks provided; RSVP appreciated.

- Work Plan - Accomplishments FY 09-10 and Goals FY 10-FY 11
- Commendations for Texas Governor's Committee winners including our own Ron Lucey; word is he provided a great speech.
- Chair Norman Kieke making efforts to meet with Council Members for ADAPT's Sister City proposal.

3. **NEW BUSINESS – Holiday Party scheduled for December 13, 2010 at Threadgil's on Barton Springs Road starting at 5:00 pm.**

Presentation: Matt Figg and Molly Broadway Youth - Service Managers for Goodwill Industries of Central Texas: Discussion of programs, target audience and recent successes for Goodwill Youth Services.

- Summary of Programs
 - Youth Workplace
 - This program helps youths find summer jobs also partnered to work with Travis County Work Based Learning Program.
 - Through the program, 114 youths were employed, seven of these were permanently hired by their workplace. The program had a success rate of 94% completion.
 - Pathway Program
 - The program hires job coaches to assist youth.
 - Close to 600 at risk youth are served by the program.
 - The program provides youth with job conduct orientation, interviewing skills, and resume writing.

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- Participants in the program are provided references, resources such as DARS and ARCIL.
- The program follows youths for 90 days of employment.
- Question
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters asked if there was tracking of people with disabilities in the program at their jobs and after they leave their jobs. The response is there is no formal tracking but instead the program assists with other jobs, resources, and career assessments after the participant complete their pathway program.

Presentation: Theresa Wright -Travis County Workbase Learning Program- presenting an update on the program services for youth with disabilities.

- Summary from 2010 Report
 - Advisory Council for the program was created in March 24, 2010 and includes professionals from AISD Supported Employment, AISD Career Special Education, DARS Transition, and members from the AMCPD.
 - Program Assistance with Metro Access and Capital Metro –included in the youth training manuals.
 - The program recruited and Trained 316 youth with disabilities – Goal was 350 of these 233 were offered employment and 140 completed the program.
 - Developed 8 more worksites for youth with disabilities
- Other
 - The program is identifying a plan to track youth once they are no longer in the program.
 - Question: Commissioner Tanya Winters asked if there a tie to DARS & other such programs, Theresa reported that the advisory committee assists in this area and that once students start school after the program is done for the summer, they do call looking for jobs and reference letters, and that program continues to assist students on an as needed basis.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Access/Youth Subcommittee –Subcommittee Chair Tanya Winters and Commissioner George Luc
 - Subcommittee Chair Tanya Winters reported that a meeting was held regarding the 2nd accessible parking PSA, scheduled for a possible November filming.
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey encouraged all to voice concerns on the long term reduction in transit services by Capital Metro to people with disabilities.
 - Commissioner George Luc reported that DMD will be Wednesday October 20th with the luncheon to begin at 12:30pm. Council member Laura Morrison will present the proclamation. Follow up on a mentorship program with other colleges is being conducted.
 - Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal is representing the AMCPD in the Austin Comprehensive Plan; he announced they are interested in working with the community. ADAPT is pressing for a community meeting.
- Awards/Employment Subcommittee –Subcommittee Chair Ron Lucey
 - Subcommittee Chair Ron Lucey reported that an Employer Breakfast Symposium would be held on October 29 in the morning at the Worksource 6505 Airport Blvd.
 - Winners from the 2010 AMCPD Employment Awards were announced during the subcommittee report.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** no action items were recorded for the October 11, 2010 AMCPD Meeting

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5. **PUBLIC HEARING**: no citizen hearings were held during the October 11, 2010 AMCPD Meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**: Citizen's communication that took place during the October 11, 2010 AMCPD Meeting included
 - a. Nancy Crowther Capital Metro Consultant
 - Capital Metro purposed fare changes to go into effect January 16, 2011
 - Capital Metro will have public meetings on the proposed rate hike from \$0.00-.50¢ for people with disabilities.
 - Users are encouraged to provide feedback at feedback@capmetro.org.
 - Advocates would want the rate hike to be used to make new routes and accessible bus stops.
 - b. Boone J Blocker Access Board
 - Update on UTC resolution pending
 - Boone will follow up on fare Capital Metro Fare increase
 - For employment purposes, Boone will get report on the retention of employees/youth employees with disabilities and identify trends in Austin.
 - Mobility bond proposed for a total of 90 million with 10 million supporting general ADA sidewalk/pedestrian compliance projects, for more information [city of Austin/news/mobility-bond.htu.org](http://cityofaustin/news/mobility-bond.htu.org) Early voting will start October 18.
 - Boone also reported that Capital Metro has voted on the new eligibility process for Metro Access. A new application and possibly a functional assessment might be needed for new applicants. Capital Metro will not charge for Taxi Cab vouchers, but will eliminate subscription rides. Capital Metro plans on using more company vehicles. A restructuring of the Advisory Committee will be coming soon.
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**: Dolores Gonzalez
 - a. Budget: There was no expense for the month of September 2010 leaving the balance unchanged at \$5,399.00
 - b. On October 12, the Office will be participating in a disability awareness fairs at Huston Tillotson and Seton on Oct 28.
 - c. The City Career and Services Expo will be held November 6, 2010 at the Millennium Youth Complex 1156 Hargrave Dr
 - d. Calendar
 - 10/12/10 family training at Mary Lee Foundation Community Center
 - 10/13/10 White Cane Day
 - 10/15-16/10 Cinema Touching Disability Film Festival
 - 10/22-24/10 Mixed Ability Dance presented by Forklift Danceworks with VSA Arts of Texas
 - 10/26/10 ADA Roundtable - Who let the dogs out?
 - 10/27/10 AMCPD 2010 Employment Awards Program
 - 10/28/10 Seton 4th Annual Disability Employment Awareness Expo
 - 10/30/10 Easter Seals Central Texas Walk With Me and Fall Fiesta
 - 11/06/10 City of Austin Career and Services Expo
9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the October 11, 2010 meeting of AMCPD by Commissioner Tanya Winters; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal. The motion was approved unanimously by all.