

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Work Session Meeting Notes for November 8, 2010

Call to Order 11:40am

Accomplishments FY 2009 –FY 2010

Access/Youth

- Access Awards 2010 9 winners
 - 9 responses to runners-up letters
 - Disability Mentoring Day had 48 mentees!
 - Awarded four scholarships!
 - Transportation Hearings-subcommittee submitted comments and members attended the meetings
 - Barton Springs- members attended meetings and subcommittee expressed concern from AMCPD, response from PARD installing accessible entrance at South
 - Participated in UT Open House kick off; 40 students participated in event
 - Collaboration with Ch 6 for accessible parking PSA roll out; a lot of good responses were received.
 - Web Redesign subcommittee had a meeting to provide input
 - Subcommittee members provided support for the City Bond Package
 - Adoption of Building Code - ensuring code was not watered down
 - Provided input to Imagine Austin (survey for City Growth until 2030)
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - At HHS, Willie is our contact through Vince Cobalis; will send notice of training
- Community Outreach-Channel Austin PSA info about AMCPD Meetings featuring Commissioners.

Awards & Employment

- Business of Work Job Readiness Seminar held May 7, 2010-partners include Goodwill, Easter Seals, DARS, and Work Source; 70-75 participants attended the seminar
- Career Expo had a change of venue as it was hosted at Goodwill Community Center, this year; it was less costly to employers.
- DARS hosted an event celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the ADA; the event had 240 attendees.
- Awards program recognized outstanding employers, recognized Knowbility and Amerigroup Community Care as partners, Stephanie Thomas and Bob Kafka received lifetime achievement awards.
- Work Based Learning Program Advisory Committee held two meetings; Ron Lucey elected as chair.
- Employer Breakfast Symposium was a great success!
- Commissioner Howe presented at Awards Program to honor The Hyatt and DARS
- White Cane Day had 412 attendees and no rain!
- Mac Beth Recreation Center expanded programs to people with disabilities with AMCPD support
- Commissioner was invited and attended the evaluation of Voting Systems
- Community Outreach-Subcommittee members represented City, Mayor, and AMCPD at various events and also the committee sponsored the CTD Cinema Touching Disability and VSA Real to Reel Film Festival.

Goals FY 2010 – FY 2011

Access/Youth

- Look into 211 registry for emergency evacuation
- Access Awards nomination forms is up year round; please nominate!
- Planning for a series of Accessible Parking PSA to be produced in collaboration with Channel 6
 - AMCPD plan to nominate 1st PSA for Barbara Jordan Media Award.
- Subcommittee will continue to monitor PARD regarding Mac Beth Recreation Center, and the Barton Springs Proposal
- Disability Mentoring Committee will try to increase the pool of mentors.
- Explore and create transition network
 - Partners with DMD, Work Base Learning Program, DARS Transition Services, Work Source Solutions
- Legislative actions will be announced at monthly meetings, and members can give testimonies
- Support bill on “Respectful Language, maybe committee will get with City government relations staff to prepare a resolution to support bill.
- Continue monitoring Capital Metro developments
- Continue to monitor NHCD
- Continue to monitor the Imagine Austin comprehensive City Growth Plan
- Emergency Preparations -Vince Cobalis will notify the subcommittee of upcoming meetings
- Visitability Ordinance subcommittee will work with stakeholders and staff to enhance the ordinance up to the new federal standards or Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).

Awards & Employment

- Maintain Current Programs
 - Business of Work Seminar
 - Community Career Expo
 - Awards Program with Governor’s Committee this coming year
 - Employment Breakfast - continued involvement
 - Work Base Learning Advisory Committee
 - Approach businesses to expand programs offerings
 - All Worksource solutions money goes to Goodwill Industries

Succession Planning

- Something to consider for the future – explore new members for succession.

Scholarships

- DMD Scholarships - award up to four each year

Policy Recommendation

- Procurement of accessible technology
- Follow up with contractors for Web re-design - should follow AE accessible plan

Other Items:

- Accessible Fishing Pier Photo Opportunity
- Texas Rowing for All continued partnership and support of organization
- Sister City Africa (Jennifer McPhail idea)
- 2011 Governor’s Committee Employment Awards AMCPD will set an initial meeting in December

Adjourn: 1:15pm