



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
(14, December, 2009)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 14, December, 2009 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

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

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

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to approve the October 12, 2009 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
2. **OLD BUSINESS-**
 - a. Planning 2011 Governor's Committee Awards open for discussion; ask for volunteers to help out.
 - b. A Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to approve the 2010 Meeting Schedule, the Committee will meet the 2nd Monday of every Month; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters, and approved unanimously by all.
3. **NEW BUSINESS-**
 - a. **Presentation: Theresa Wright Work Base, Disability Coordinator Learning Program Report.**
 - 2010 Program Recommendations
 - Recruit and train more job readiness trainers
 - Recruit and train at least 350 youth with disabilities
 - Develop more worksites
 - Explore assistance with STS and Capital Metro
 - Initiating advisory council
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey, Dolores Gonzalez, Renee Borders, Debo Hendrix invited to participate on the advisory council. Ron suggested including staff from the DARS Transition Program.
 - Dolores will add Theresa to the distribution list on Business of Work Planning Committee
 - Stability in Funding
 - Additional funding where available
 - Additional worksite placement
 - The AMCPD will assist in:
 - Providing a list of service providers for people with disabilities
 - Providing placement sites
 - Helping to identify private sector placements for youth not returning to program.

b. **Discussion and motion: Amendments to by laws regarding committee**

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to condense the AMCPD subcommittees; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey and approved unanimously by all.
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey will chair the Employment/Awards Subcommittee
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters volunteered to chair the Access/Youth Subcommittee
 - City Council Member Laura Morrison will be asked to champion an increase of the AMCPD back to nine commissioners.

b. **Subcommittee Reports**

- Access Subcommittee –Chair Tanya Winters
 - Cap Metro Update; questions about paratransit program; waiting for updated policy due to recent changes.
 - AMCPD will send a letter to the Mayor, cc: Matt Curtis, the letter will urge that Capital Metro include criteria for eligibility serving passengers and meeting the needs of passengers with disabilities in the updated paratransit policy.
- Awards Subcommittee –Liaison Dolores Gonzalez for Chair Chip Howe
 - Working to submit eligible nominations to the Governor's Committee Employment Awards.
 - Submitted AMCPD activities for Governor's Committee "Perspectives 2009"
- Employment Subcommittee –Chair Ron Lucey
 - Subcommittee Chair Ron Lucey introduced Beth Burnett from Goodwill Industries and Theresa Wright from Travis County Work Base Learning Program to the Committee as new Employment Subcommittee members.
 - Initiating planning for Community Career Expo, AMCPD Chair Norman Kieke will be included in planning.
 - Subcommittee member Curt Voelkel recommended the addition of a website related to Social Security; Ron Lucey recommended to expand and create two resource web pages; one for employers and another for job seekers with disabilities.
- Youth Initiatives Subcommittee- Commissioner George Luc for Denise Sonleitner
 - Commissioner George Luc introduced Krysta S Hampton from the University of Texas and Anna Escamilla from St Edwards University Disability Services as new members of this subcommittee.
 - George is working to bring Laura Griebel on board as an AMCPD associate member once again.
 - Commissioner Luc arranged for Frank Powell from Pathways to present to the committee at the February meeting.
 - The subcommittee explored an opportunity for Ballet Austin to bring youth with disabilities together in a dance program. Commissioner Tanya Winters recommended that the subcommittee talk to the Austin Community College Dance Group also.
 - Subcommittee member Gerard Jimenez is exploring the possibility of the Best Buddy Program partnering with Mc Beth recreation center, which have shown some interest in such a partnership. The South Austin Optimist Club would lead the program for baseball immersions.

4. **Action Items:** December 14, 2009

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- b. A Motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to condense the AMCPD subcommittees; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey and approved unanimously by all. Details above.
5. **No PUBLIC HEARINGS** were held during the December 14, 2009 Meeting
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**: October 12 2009 Meeting
 - a. Dina Abramson, State of Texas Advance Leadership Conference and training March 28-30
 - The conference is designed for adults & parents of children with disabilities.
 - The Deadline for registration is December 31, 2009
 - The Conference organizers are looking for participants, exhibitors and presenters, for more information please visit www.talac.tamu.edu; or contact Jaime Duran at 979-845-1884, stipends are available.
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**: Dolores Gonzalez
 - a. Budget/ Update no expenses for the month of November 2009, leaving balance of \$6,105.00
 - b. There are some changes happening with the City of Austin Human Resources Department that include initiatives for diversity, supervisory training, and recruitment. The ADA Office will push to expand recruitment opportunities in both internships and employment within the City for job seekers with disabilities. The Office will update the committee as plans become more solid and will invite committee members for participation in the new recruitment initiative.
 - December 15-16 Think Work First
 - February 10-13 ARC of Texas Conference, Renaissance Hotel
8. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the December 14, 2009 meeting of AMCPD by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal. The motion was approved unanimously by all.