



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
(14, February, 2011)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 14, February, 2011 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, Kathy Kasprisin, Chip Howe, Jesus Lardizabal, Ron Lucey. Absent George Luc and Tanya Winters

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
2. **OLD BUSINESS no old business conducted at this meeting.**
3. **NEW BUSINESS – Presentation of scholarship Winners: Tristan Cox & Eric Majalca**

Presentation: Gary Gregson PARD Project Coordinator, Metro Access, Update on ADA Improvements at Barton Springs Pool and path of travel

- Tree Court Improvement
 - PARD has proposed a deck, and removing the decomposed granite at the tree court.
 - PARD will be adding an overlook area to the pool.
 - PARD will also be adding space to the deck area, boardwalk, giving more access to the fence line.
 - The exiting walkway to the pool is not ADA compliant,
 - PARD will also improve the ramps leading down to the pool deck, by correcting the slopes to ADA standards.
 - The Southside of the pool currently has no access point
 - PARD will smooth the 30 ft drop off on the Southside with a proposed ADA walkway.
 - PARD would also like to provide an entrance on the Eastside of the pool, and extend a walkway on the Westside, while preserving the pecan trees.
 - Electrical Improvement at the pool will include upgraded lighting.
 - Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal commended the PARD staff and consultants for their commitment to ADA; even with the resistance they had faced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Access/Youth Committee – Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal for Chair Tanya Winters**
 - Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal went to two affordable housing forums; Commissioner Lardizabal commented that at the forums it seemed that private developers are becoming more receptive to visitability initiative.
 - Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal reported to the committee, that Imagine Austin was in Phase III of the project. Workgroup meetings are being scheduled, to discuss the approved building blocks; the dates and times are as follows:
 - February 24, 2011 6:00pm-8:00pm at City Hall
 - March 1, 2011 6:00pm-8:00pm at One Texas Center
 - For additional information contact Paul Guiseppe 974-2865
 - Commissioner Lardizabal reported that a meeting to discuss a second PSA is being scheduled.
 - Commissioner Lardizabal announced that the first ADA Sidewalk Taskforce meeting was successful and well attended; the next one is scheduled for March 22 at 10:00am at OTC.
 - There is a call from the Disability Mentoring Day Committee (DMD) for artwork for DMD poster; the deadline is March 11, 2011.
 - Commissioner Norman Kieke discussed the Emergency Preparedness Plan for the State:
 - The State of Texas Office has a very comprehensive emergency plan.
 - The office has asked the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR) to review the plan.
 - So far of the 2,500 planned emergency shelters TDLR has reviewed 1,200; there is still quite a ways to go to complete the plan review.
 - **Awards/Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey**
 - Subcommittee Chair Ron Lucey reported on the planning for the Governor's Committee Employment Awards
 - Austin Music Hall and several other venues are being evaluated for the Governor's committee as the site to host their ceremony.
 - The committee has sent an invite to the potential key note speaker Kathleen Martinez from the US Department of Labor Office of Disability Policy.
 - The committee will be planning the program soon with an emphasis on streamlining for efficiency of presenting both awards programs.
 - The next meeting date February 15, 2011 is postponed until further notice.
 - The Community Career Expo at Goodwill does not yet have a date. Katie Navine will be retiring in March and is not be the lead at Goodwill on this project.
 - The Business of Work Seminar will be initiating planning meeting soon.
4. **ACTION ITEMS:** Action items recorded for the January 10, 2011 AMCPD Meeting:
Motion: AMCPD Amended Bylaws
- A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey to approve the amended by-laws; the motion was seconded by Commissioner George Luc. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
 - Scholarships were awarded to Tristan Cox and Eric Majalca.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** no citizen hearings were held during the February 14, 2011 AMCPD Meeting.

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Celia Hughes VSA Arts of Texas

We are looking for teens and adults, family members and peer mentors who are on the autism spectrum, and volunteers to join us on a new project teaching media arts in an arts studio setting. Participants will learn digital photography, filmmaking, web/blog skills, while participating in traditional art projects to document, edit and showcase.

To register for the program please contact VSA Arts of Texas at voice: 512-454-9912 or email at: info@vsatx.org. All events will be held at the AGE building 3710 Cedar St Room 101 Austin TX 78705.

Schedule for the program is as follows:

Launch Thursday March 31

Saturday Classes April 23rd-June 11th

Summer Session I June 20-30 Mon-Thurs 10-2pm

Summer Session II July 11-21 Mon-Thurs 10-2pm

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS: Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** There was no expense for the month of January 2010, leaving the balance unchanged at \$6,105.00
- Under the new HRD organization the ADA office is now reporting to Assistant HR Director Carla Scales, she is in charge of community outreach programs, which includes the City of Austin ADA Program, the Equal Employment Fair Housing Office and the Veteran's Program.
- Dolores has been invited to attend the National ADA Symposium presenting "the Role of the ADA Coordinator." The Conference will be in Las Vegas this year from May 8-11
- 33rd CTD Conference partnering with the Texas State Independent Living Council. The Theme is "Community Living; it's My Choice!" It is scheduled for April 3-5, 2011 here in Austin; just in time for the legislative session...With Capitol Day being April 5. We would like to send one or two members; this is open to all members. Please contact Dolores if interested.

CALENDAR

- February 23, 2011 ADA Roundtable Accessible Parking
- February 24, 2011 Imagine Austin
- March 1, 2011 Imagine Austin
- March 11, 2011 Deadline for DMD poster art contest
- March 14, 2011 Next AMCPD meeting
- March 22, 2011 ADA Access & Sidewalk Task Force 10:00 am at OTC
- March 31, 2011 The Arc of Texas Leadership Luncheon
- April 3-5, 2011 CTD Convention
- May 7-9, 2011 Texas Access Academy over full
- Oct 19, 2011 Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)

8. Announcement:

- Larry Gardner a former AMCPD community representative passed away on February 12, 2011.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the February 14, 2011 meeting of AMCPD by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal. The motion was approved unanimously by all.