

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES August 15, 2011



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REGULAR MEETING
(15, August, 2011)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 15, August, 2011 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Norman Kieke called the Board Meeting to order at 12:07 PM

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

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Chip Howe to approve the July 11, 2011 minutes the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. The motion was approved unanimously by all.
2. **OLD BUSINESS** no old business conducted at this meeting.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation: Austin Access Awards: Whole Foods

The AMCPD elections have been tabled for the October 10, 2011 Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access/Youth Committee –Chair Tanya Winters

- There were nine local businesses that were Access Award winners, while two Austin businesses received honorable mentions.
- The feedback and response received for the second PSA have been outstanding! It was a great way to wrap up the project.

Awards/Employment Committee – Norman Kieke for Ron Lucey

- The awards program will be a combined event with the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Employment Awards.
- The event will be held at the Austin Doubletree Hotel 6505 IH-35 South Austin TX 78752
- Three award judges have been selected and their confirmation letters have been mailed out
- Bob Hamilton will be the awards program official photographer, he is coordinating event photography with the Governor's Committee.
- Lex Frieden has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the Awards program October 25.
- Nominations for the awards are being accepted online **until September 23** at <http://www.austintexas.gov/ada/criteria.htm>

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** No action items recorded for the August 15, 2011 AMCPD Meeting:

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5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** no citizen hearings were held during the August 15, 2011 AMCPD Meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Citizen communications were recorded during the August 15, 2011 AMCPD Meeting
 - **Jennifer McPhail ADAPT of Texas, Pennies for Access Campaign**

Because Capital Metro has no more money for bus stop accessibility, the program is raising pennies for bus stop accessibility. There is a need to invest in accessible transportation due the increasing eligibility requirements in Metro Access. ADAPT is trying to get Capital Metro to do the right thing. Funds can be sent to Linda Watson at 2910 E 5th St.
 - **Craig Spradling Parking Mobility**
 - The company empowers disabled citizens to report violations of accessible parking.
 - Parking Mobility uses a smart phone application allowing citizens to take tampered proof photos of disabled parking violators, the program sends the report via pdf to the city to mail the offender a citation based on the citizen's photo and program's report.
 - The city can keep 60% of the revenue generated, while 20% will go to local charities
 - The ease of use of using a smart phone application to send in photos to generate an automated response cuts down the time a citizen's is exposed, and decreases a risk of confrontation with the violator.
 - The program can generate real time reports using gps tags showing where and how often violation occurs, to aide city enforcement measures.
 - Mr. Spradling hopes to generate a resolution in the September AMCPD meeting in support of this business and program.
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters remarked that it looked like a win-win for the City.
 - City liaison Dolores Gonzalez will invite both Municipal Court and APD Volunteer Parking to the September meeting for the longer presentation.
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez
 - **Budget:** There were no expenses for the month of July 2011, leaving the balance unchanged at \$6,005.00
 - The ADA office has a rollout for new ADA Office and Mayor's Committee brochures; they were distributed to committee members for comments and changes.

CALENDAR

- Aug 9 Caring for caregivers at Mary Lee foundation 7:00pm-8:30pm
 - Aug 13-14 Autism Now including focus groups, at Austin Doubletree hotel 6050 IH-35 S, registration is free call 454-6694 before Aug 11.
 - Aug 26-28 Texas Advocates Conference in San Antonio
 - Sept 8-9 Reel to Real Film Festival with VSA Arts ACC Rio Grande Campus
 - Oct 19, 2011 Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)
 - Oct 20, 2011 White Cane Day
 - Oct 22-23 CTD Film Festival
 - Oct 25, 2011 Texas Governors Committee and Mayor's Committee Employment Awards at the Doubletree Austin Hotel
 - Aug 11-12 TDLR will present changes to the Texas Accessibility Standards - 1107 Clayton
8. **Future Agenda Items:**
 9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the August 15, 2011 meeting by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal. The motion was approved unanimously by all.