

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2011



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REGULAR MEETING
(10, October, 2011)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 10, October, 2011 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Norman Kieke called the Board Meeting to order at 12:01 PM

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

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin to approve the September 12, 2011 minutes; with one change (address of doubletree hotel N IH-35) 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**

Discussion: No Barriers Summit

➤ **Introduction**

- The No Barrier Summit is a four day disability festival with approximately 1,000 people in attendance per day.
- If the committee wanted to host the No Barrier Summit, it would need extensive support from the City and other community partners.
- The festival would showcase the City to event goers through various activities.
- The festival goers would need an extensive amount of accommodations in order to participate in activities.
- A motion to submit a letter of interest to No Barrier Summit was made by Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin. The motion was approved unanimously by all.

Election of Officers:

- The results of the Officer Elections are as follows, Jesus Lardizabal was elected the new AMCPD Chair, and Ron Lucey was elected the new Vice Chair.

Presentation: Matt Dugan Planning Development Review Dept, Update on Imagine Austin Final Phase

- Five Core Principles of Future City Planning based on Sustainability
 - Become a compact connected city:
 - Compact and redevelopment, to create a more sustainable city
 - Preserving land that supports Edwards Aquifer recharge and protecting our floodplains

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- Preserving neighborhood character by encouraging mixed over separated uses
 - Designing a complete transportation system
 - Provide paths to prosperity for all
 - Embrace the natural world
 - Grow a healthy affordable City
 - Live within our Resources
- **Implementing key programs**
- Change Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city. Invest in transportation and other improvements.
 - Create a green infrastructure program to protect environ-mentally sensitive areas and integrate nature into the city. Create a program to sustainably manage our water resources.
 - Grow and invest in Austin's creative economy. Continue to grow Austin's economy by investing in our workforce and education system.
 - Develop and maintain affordable housing throughout Austin.
 - Create a "Healthy Austin" program.
- **Adapting key policies**
- Promote a diversity of land uses throughout Austin to allow a variety of housing types ranging from permanent supportive housing to rental and ownership opportunities for singles, families with and without children, seniors and person with disabilities.
 - Address accessibility issues and other housing barriers to persons with disabilities or special needs.
 - Engage major employers and institutions of higher education to provide leadership in meeting the needs of chronic unemployed and underemployed residents, such as people with disabilities and former clients of the criminal justice or foster care systems.
 - Increase the availability of quality early education, child care, after school, and preschool programs for all residents, especially low and middle income households and families with children with disabilities.
- **Key Action Points**
- Create an efficient and connected transportation system that allows people with disabilities and special needs to easily access their daily needs from where they live and work.
 - Engage the local architect and design community in creating a variety of housing types to meet the housing needs of all types of households (e.g., singles, empty nester, families with children and people with disabilities).
 - Expand the availability of early childhood education and daycare services and programs for all residents, especially for middle and low income households and for those with children with disabilities and fund through a modest fee or sliding-fee structure.
- **Timeline for Adoption**
- Public Review Period September to October 31
 - Adoption Process Planning Commission-January 2012, City Council-Spring 2012
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➤ **Committee members comments:**

- Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal expressed that there is a disconnection in affordable housing reflecting that location was just as important as having a higher percentage of accessible housing. Matt Dugan responded by saying, the goal of the plan is a complete community with affordable housing, jobs, parks, and access to transportation. Commissioner Lardizabal then expressed that this could be an avenue to consider for expanding Visitability requirements to City Code.
- Commissioner Tanya Winters expressed the importance of staying on top of current legislative issues and how those issues might impact the plan.
- Commissioner Chip Howe asked if the Imagine Austin plan would interfere with Capital Metro, and whether the planners had met with Capital Metro to compare the City plans with Capital Metro's vision for future transit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access/Youth Committee –Chair Tanya Winters

- Commissioner Tanya Winters attended the Barton Springs Pool Renovations meeting and provided this summary, the renovation would make the pool house accessible, but the proposed accessible route still had opposition, so the planners needed to come up with ideas to counter opposition.
- It was announced that Capital Metro was looking at a model for future buses that would add a third access entrance for patrons using wheelchairs.
- Commissioner Winters announced that on Wednesday October 26 students from AISD would tour the UT campus from 9:30am-1:30pm, and get an orientation starting with student services. Commissioner Winters also announced Disability Mentoring Day would be October 19 at the Goodwill Community Center.
- Commissioner Jesus Lardizabal presented at the ADA Taskforce Meeting, going over basic changes to the ADA, which was a good starting point for discussion during the meeting.

Awards/Employment Committee – Ron Lucey

- The awards program will be a combined event with the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Employment Awards on October 25, 2011 starting at 5:30 pm.
- The event will be held at the Austin Doubletree Hotel 6505 IH-35 South Austin TX 78752.
- Local winners have already been selected and will be notified in order that they can be in attendance to receive their award.
- Terry Shimazu will play the piano at the reception and be this year's entertainment.
- A PowerPoint slideshow with the pictures of this year's winners is being created by the Governor's Committee to run at the ceremony.
- Mayor Lee Leffingwell will be there early in the evening to welcome and present a proclamation.
- Lex Frieden will be this year's awards key note speaker.
- Poster Artist, Patrice Hiebeler will be signing posters.
- A few volunteers are needed to help with the event and Commissioner Chip Howe will coordinate event photography.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** There was one action item recorded for the October 10, 2011 Meeting:

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5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** no citizen hearings were held during the October 10, 2011 Meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** One Citizen's communication was recorded during the October 10, 2011 AMCPD Meeting
Linda Guerrero Parks Board Chair, expressed her gratitude to the committee for providing testimony in favor of the renovations at Barton Springs Pool. She asked that members please continue to provide testimony especially at the next Barton Pool Renovation Meeting on October 17; AMCPD's feedback is vital to the conversation. If the committee needs more information, contact her. Transportation to the meeting can be provided, please contact Gary Gregson for more info at 974-9475.
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez
 - **Budget:** report: No Expense this month – leaving a new fiscal year balance of \$ 6,005.00
 - Ch 6 announced that all televised Mayor's Committee will available for streaming and the capability of archived video on demand will start this month. We do not yet have the capability for this to be captioned, but the vendor is working on it. I will send you the link. <http://www.austintexas.gov/channel6/>
 - ADA Office Attending Disability Fairs – at Huston Tillotson College tomorrow and for Seton Hospital Diversity Division on October 27
 - ADA Onsites this month include: Aviation Dept

CALENDAR

- Oct 11, 2011 Mary Lee Foundation Surviving Brain Injury
 - Oct 12, 2011 UT Disability Awareness Fair with Rugby demo, and UT symposium
 - Oct 14-15, 2011 BodyShift with VSA Texas and Forklift Danceworks mixed ability dance program
 - Oct 17, 2011 PARD meeting on Barton Springs Pool Renovations
 - Oct 19, 2011 Disability Mentoring Day at Goodwill Community Center
 - Oct 20, 2011 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
 - Oct 20, 2011 Disability Mentoring Day Proclamation presentation at Council Chambers
 - Oct 22-23 CTD Film Festival Goodwill Community Center and Alamo Drafthouse
 - Oct 25, 2011 Texas Governors Committee and Mayor's Committee Employment Awards at the Doubletree Austin Hotel
 - Oct 27, 2011 Seton Hospital Disability Awareness Fair
 - Oct 29, 2011 ADAPT of Texas Halloween Bash
8. **Future Agenda Items:** none discussed at October 10, 2011 Meeting
 9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the October 10, 2011 meeting by Commissioner Kathy Kasprisin; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously by all.