

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting and Work Session Meeting Notes for November 11/13/12

Call to Order: 11:40am

Attendance: Jesus Lardizabal Chair, Ron Lucey, Chip Howe, Norman Kieke.

Absent Commissioners: Kathy Kasprisin, George Luc. Commissioner Tanya Winters was excused.

Committee Business: The Committee will table presentations until the December meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey to approve the October 08, 2012 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Kieke. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of 2013 Schedule of Meetings: A motion to approve a schedule of meetings for the 1st Monday of the month with the following changes: Sept 16 and Nov 12, was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey and seconded by Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey and seconded Commissioner Chip Howe. The motion was approved unanimously.

Worksession

Accomplishments FY 2011 –FY 2012

Access/Youth

- **Austin Access Awards**
- 9 winners (11 nominations)
- runner-up letters were sent

- **Disability Mentoring Day** celebrated its 10th anniversary with 95 mentees! The event this year was held at the Mexican American Cultural Center, the venue received good comments.
 - DMD awarded four scholarships worth a total of \$2,000.00 this year.
 - The committee would like to partner with the GCPD to expand the program to other areas in Texas.

White Cane Day

460 participants took part in the march, proclamation & presentations at City Hall, and subsequent celebration at Republic Square Park for White Cane Day with food, music, face painting, Rock Wall and all with great weather.

- **The Access Youth committee** continued providing input regarding access issues at Barton Springs path renovations.
- Provided input to Imagine Austin (survey for City Growth until 2030)
- Continue to work with UT Open House --kick off; and increase participants
- The committee supported the Accessible Fishing Pier initiative.
- The Committee moved to change the Visitability recommendations to mirror the new council exception for geographic requirement to get qualified volunteers.

Awards & Employment

- This year the AMCPD was not as involved in the Goodwill Community Career Expo other than scheduling a Councilmember for the proclamation
- Business of Work Job Readiness Seminar was hosted at Goodwill Community Center on April 30, 2012-partners include Goodwill, Easter Seals, DARS, and Work Source; 75 participants attended the seminar
- Career Expo
- AMCPD Awards Program was held at the Crowne Plaza Austin drawing over 150 people.

Goals FY 2012 – FY 2013

Access/Youth

- This coming year's DMD program will make efforts to recognize and include the parents of DMD participants.
 - A DMD toolkit will be created by the DMD committee to share with other Texas Mayor's Committees.
 - The committee will try increase the number of mentors currently participating in the program.
 - Information on the Travis County Youth Work base learning Program will be provided to all DMD participants this coming year.
- The committee will begin a new focus on emergency planning for people with disabilities, through Austin Travis County,
 - The Committee will review the city and county emergency plan for people with disabilities and participate in any emergency drills.
 - September is National Preparedness Month, how can the committee contribute to this public campaign?
- Access will tighten the strategy to move forward with the Visitability Initiative. A new meeting will be planned to discuss the committee's policy recommendations.

Awards & Employment

- Maintain Current Programs
 - The Business of Work Seminar will ask Jim DeWitt to co-chair this year.
 - Community Career Expo
 - The Committee's Awards Program goals for the coming year
 - An attempt will be made to get the media to do interviews of award winners.
 - The committee will ask the mayor to send a request to promote the employment of people with disabilities through the disability employment campaign "Think Beyond the Label" or another similar campaign.
 - The committee will attempt to get media to generate a community conversation on the employment of people with disabilities. PIO and Channel 6 will be asked for their assistance in generating an advertising campaign through print and digital media for this effort. Businesses will be asked to put advertising on their webpages.

Succession Planning

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

Scholarships

- DMD Scholarships - award up to four each year

Policy Recommendation

- Visitability Ordinance Amendments will be proposed by the committee.
- The committee may be changed to reflect the new proposition for 10 council members.

Other Items:

- Encouraging folks to attend meetings and get involved will be a continued committee goal.
- The Partnership with Channel 6 for media coverage, advertising, and special projects for the committee will be continued.

Adjourn: 1:15pm