



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2014

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 14, April, 2014 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jesus Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair, Tanya Winters, Chip Howe, Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Ron Lucey and Adam Slosberg.

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez, Lee Nguyen

- **Motion:** Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to move item 4. Citizen Communication to Item Number 2. Old Business. Commissioner Ron Lucey seconded the motion. All approved.
- 1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Chip Howe made a motion to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Kathy Keller seconded the motion. All approved.
- 2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
 - Commissioner Norman Kieke provided an update on the Boards and Commission Taskforce
 - The current boards and commissions will stay in place until June 30, 2015.
 - The Taskforce has been asked to merge and eliminate some of the 60 City boards and Commissions.
 - One item suggested by the Taskforce is the pairing of AMCPD with Commission on Seniors and despite objections, this recommendation has remained as part of suggested changes.
- 3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
 - COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters
 - Committee Chair Tanya Winters made a motion to approve a Committee letter of support for Imagine Art. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.
 - Committee Chair Winters also announced that she will be testifying at a public hearing on a City resolution that would prohibit "source of income" discrimination in housing. It's meant to help tenants who use Section 8 vouchers.
 - Committee Chair Winters will be working on a Committee resolution for languages in emergency notification to include sign language as well as other common languages.
 - Commissioner Adam Slosberg made a motion to approve a letter of support from the Committee for a Mental Health Day. Commissioner Chip Howe made an amendment to the motion in order to allow for local information including a City Proclamation. The motion was second by Commissioner Norman Kieke. All approved.
 - Commissioner Kathy Keller gave an update on Disability Mentoring Day. The Steering committee met at the Asian American Resource Center. A reservation has been submitted for October 22; a backup reservation with Austin Community

College Multipurpose Center is also being considered. A DMD Poster Winner has been selected and Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services media staff will finalize the poster.

- **Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey**

- Committee Chair, Ron Lucey, updated the Committee on the Business of Work Seminar.
- The program will be held on May 9th at the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center at 4800 N Lamar. Commissioner. Ron Lucey will be sending out a link to register online, the deadline to register will be May 6th. This year's seminar sessions include proper interviewing, job search skills, networking through social media and how working affects social security benefits. Attendees will also be able to take advantage of one on one resume coaching at this year's seminar. The event will coincide with the May 20 City of Austin Career Expo to be held at Palmer Events Center from noon – 4:30 pm. For more information, please call 512-974-3256.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** action items that were recorded during the April 14, 2014 meeting can be found in the motions above.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** See below.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** For discussion and possible action

- Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Vice Chair- Commission on Immigrant Affairs discussed the Emergency Notification System. The Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommended that the City of Austin direct CAPCOG to create an on-phone registration system for the Regional Notification System in several commonly-spoken languages other than English, thus making it more accessible to foreign-born and/or non-English/Spanish speaking residents. Ms. Touza Medina provided the resolution and recommended that the Committee submit a similar resolution as it relates to people with disabilities and communications during emergency situations.
- Stephanie Thomas from ADAPT of Texas announced to the committee that the ADAPT Fun Run would be held on April 26, 2014, 9:00-1:00pm at the Yellow Jacket Stadium- 1165 Hargrove. For more information, please contact ADAPT at 512-442-0253.
- Derin Stuart introduced Dverse Solutions, an employment placement, job coaching agency in central Texas. The agency has placed people with disabilities in food services, professional services, and is working on entrepreneurial outreach. For more information, contact Derin at (512) 243-5032 or email: derin@dversesolutions.com

- **STAFF BRIEFING:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There was no expense for the month of April, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00.
- The ADA Implementation Report is finalized by the ADA Office and is a culmination of all ADA improvements and access activities by City departments. The final report has been added as a link to the ADA office webpage.
http://assets.austintexas.gov/implement_2013_draft_ii.pdf
- Dolores is planning events and meetings for one of the two Indonesian Fellow visiting Austin mid May through early June. Mr. Antoni Tsaputra has expressed interests in disability advocacy and services. Dolores is working with city, state, and local disability agencies to plan his itinerary. Mr. Tsaputra is scheduled to attend the May AMCPD meeting.

CALENDAR

- Apr 26 ADAPT of Texas Fun Run 9:00-1:00pm Yellow Jacket Stadium
1156 Hargrove
- May 4 National Mental Health Awareness Day - City Hall Plaza 12:00-2:00pm
- May 7 Community Action Network Housing Forum - Our Basic Needs Are Met
8:30-12:00pm 8998 Research Blvd. Please email Vanessa Sarria
vsarria@austinsisd.org for more information.
- May 9 Business of Work Job Readiness Seminar 4800 N Lamar 512-974-3256
- May 9 YWCA, the Asian American Behavioral Health Network, and LuckyChaos
Theater collaborating to discuss cultural differences in the Asian
American Community regarding physical appearance, mental health
issues with leading experts at the Asian American Resource Center
8:30-12pm
- May 12-14 John Slatin Access U at St. Edwards University
- Sep 19 Brain Injury Alliance of Texas annual Conference

7. **Future Agenda Items:** No future agenda items were discussed during the April 14, 2014 meeting.
8. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the April 14, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Norman Kieke; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.
9. **Chair Jesus Lardizabal reconvened the Committee meeting for the NHCD Public Forum**
Commissioners in attendance: Ron Lucey, Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Chip Howe, Adam Slosberg and Jesus Lardizabal.
10. **Public Forum- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development-** Conduct a public hearing on community needs in order to develop the following documents:
 - The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2014-19, which is submitted by the City to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development serves as a planning document for the City and an application for federal funding;
 - The Annual Fiscal year 2014-15 Action Plan. The Hearing is required by the 1) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 3273 Community Development 20015-15 Program.
 - Goals:
 - NHCD wants to create mixed-income communities, by not concentrating low income households in a single area, or specific development, but through dispersing affordable units throughout the City.
 - Another NHCD goal is to preserve existing affordable housing.
 - NHCD Program for People with Disabilities
 - In FY13, 3% of NHCD's total budget was spent on Renter Assistance, including assistance to 100 people with disabilities with requests for reasonable accommodations and modifications.
 - The Architectural Barrier Removal Program served 110 Homeowners and 20 renters to make modifications to their residence. The average assistance given was \$11,242.26.
 - SMART Housing assist builders to create housing that is safe, located in mixed income neighborhoods, accessible, reasonably-priced, and transit oriented. In FY12 673 units were created. The goal for FY14 is 700 units.

Citizen Input: Various citizens expressed the need for accessible, affordable, mixed, and transit oriented housing in the Austin area. Below are citizens that gave input during the public forum:

- Stuart Hersh
- Stephanie Thomas and Freddie Gonzalez - ADAPT of Texas
- John Meinkowsky - ARCIL
- Gus Pena - Veteran

To view citizens' testimony, please visit the following video link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04142014-568>

- Please contact the ADA Office at voice 974-3256 or email at Dolores.gonzalez@austintexas.gov to get a copy of the NHCD presentation.

11. ADJOURN – A motion was made to adjourn the April 14, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Chip Howe; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Adam Slosberg. All approved.