



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

### Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (14 July, 2014)

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

Vice Chair Tanya Winters called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Dolores Gonzalez, Lee Nguyen

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to approve the June 09, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Chip Howe seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
  - Response to Members of the Involvement in the Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Alliance of Central Texas. (IDDACT) regarding participation in new group.
    - IDDACT is a collaborative effort among local partnering agencies to ensure services provided to people with IDD are known to key user groups.
    - Currently, ten partners are on board with IDDACT including, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and Goodwill Central Texas.
    - IDDACT would like the committee to join and contribute it feedback as a valued community disability group.
    - Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion for the AMCPD to support IDDACT in an advisory role with membership and attendance to the group's meetings; details to be determined by Jesus Lardizabal, Chair. Commissioner Ron Lucey seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Adam Slosberg abstaining.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
  - Presentation: ADA Anniversary Proclamation Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole
    - Mayor Pro Tem Cole presented the ADA Anniversary Proclamation.
  - Presentation: George Miller, CEO, CommUnity Care- Serving People with Disabilities
    - George Miller presented a through overview of the services provided by CommUnity Care to communities in Austin and Travis County.
    - For more information on various topics including data from CommUnity Care on people with disabilities, please visit <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/07252014-542> to view presentation online.
  - Committee Reports
    - Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters
      - Committee Chair Tanya Winters – The Austin Access Awards will be held in conjunction with the AMCPD Employment Awards in October.
      - Committee Char Tanya Winters encouraged nominations for the Access Awards which can be submitted online at: <https://austintexas.gov/austinaccessawards>
      - Commissioner Kathy Keller reported to the committee that the Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) planning committee met on June 25. The next meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup> via conference call.

- Commissioner Kathy Keller, reported to the committee that the group reviewed the poster design. DARS is now printing the DMD posters. Also reviewed via email was the Save the Date Flyer.
  - Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey
    - Committee Chair, Ron Lucey reported to the committee that the last Awards Meeting was unable to establish a quorum.
    - Committee Chair Ron Lucey thanked City Staff Lee and Dolores for getting the lead out to the hotels for the event. The Committee is looking at dates at the end of October.
    - The Awards and Employment Committee is now reviewing the Awards Nominations page, Commissioner Ron Lucey would like to get feedback on how to improve it.
    - Commissioner Chip Howe reported on the revised strategy for making nominations to the Texas Governor’s Committee Awards Program. This year Commissioner Howe will write shorter nomination texts for each submission and encourage businesses to write more about themselves.
4. **ACTION ITEMS:** action items that were recorded during the July 14, 2014 are recorded in the above sections.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the July 14, 2014 meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** For discussion and possible action
- Marshall Mitchell: This citizen spoke about the lack of sidewalks in Austin. Areas around North Austin and Hwy 183 are missing with large portions of sidewalks in the public right of way. Staff Liaison Dolores Gonzalez, mentioned that there would be a presentation from Public Works at the September meeting specifically on Sidewalks and invited Mr. Mitchell to attend the meeting.
7. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Dolores Gonzalez
- Budget: report: There was no expense for the month of May, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00.
  - Update -Motion made by Commissioner Ron Lucey to support the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities contingent on approval from the City Clerk’s office to list the AMCPD, as a supporter in the proposed letter from the Texas Bar Journal to publish a special addition to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ADA. City Clerk’s Office stated that individuals could support the effort, but as a group it had to come as a formal recommendation to City Council. The deadline was July 1 and there was just not enough time to get it submitted.
  - Stella Young, a person with disabilities with interest in advocacy and media is coming to visit Austin from Melbourne, Australia. Dolores and Ron has been working to arrange some meetings for her including one with DARS and the Gene and Dave Show.
  - ADA Onsite Visits: Continuing the annual ADA Onsite visits with all departments. These meetings offer an opportunity to discuss requirements of ADA, communications, trainings and just to check in and see if there are any ways we can assist. This month we completed the following: Law Dept., HHSD, ACCD, NHCD, ARR, Library Dept., City Clerk’s Office, AWU and SMBR.
  - The meetings for August and September will be held at the Carver Library 1161 Angelina and will not be televised.

## **CALENDAR**

- Sep 19 Brain Injury Alliance of Texas Annual Conference
- Sep 24 Disability Issues Forum presented by Disability Voting Action Project at the Radisson Hotel.
- Oct 15 White Cane Day at Republic Square Park
- Oct 21-23 Alternative Mental Health Peer Conference in Orlando, FL scholarships being offered.
- Oct 22 Disability Mentoring Day at the Asian American Resource Center  
8401 Cameron Road

8. **Future Agenda Items:** Commissioner Norman Kieke would like to discuss the Boards and Commissions Transition plan in the agenda for next month's meeting.
9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the July 14, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Kathy Keller; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Adam Slosberg. All approved.