



## Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES August 11, 2014

### Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (11 Aug, 2014)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 11 Aug, 2014 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, absent Adam Slosberg

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Ron Lucey made a motion to approve the July 14, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
  - Boards and Commissions Task Force follow up- How many Commissioners have responded about committing service until June 2015? All commissioners have responded and committed.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
  - Presentation: Austin Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Staff: update on emergency management planning relating to Access and Functional Needs and ideas for partnering with the Committee during National Night Out on Oct. 7.
    - Last year, HSEM hired a temporary employee, who had experience being an emergency management ADA Coordinator. In his tenure with the office, he found out that HSEM was engaging the community informally.
    - Through his work, HSEM now has a list of community contacts representing a wide and diverse range of organizations providing access and functional need services to people with disabilities.
    - HSEM has updated two of its policy and procedure documents to ensure consistent engagement with the community moving forward.
      - The updated documents will maintain the continuity of operations even through staffing changes. The changes include a new procedure directive for future emergency planners to look at Chapter 7 of the ADA Best Practice Tool kit for State and Local Governments when updating or developing new plans.
      - The Austin Mayor's Committee has been added as a stakeholder for exchanging pertinent information for key stakeholders and to integrate or coordinate emergency management efforts across the region.
    - The Capital Area Shelter Hub Plan for Austin Travis County is a designated hub overlooking 75 shelters.
      - The management of service Animals is a priority. To facilitate this, all shelters within the hub system are animal friendly and have accommodations for pets. Additionally, the shelter hub would be working with the Austin Humane Society for the care of animals.
      - For people who are hard hearing or deaf, pictograph communication cards will be available at shelters to assist with communication.
      - All shelters within the hub system meet ADA Accessibility requirements, the system uses mainly middle and high schools as emergency shelters.

- Staff manning the shelters within the hub, will receive a training segment developed by the ADA Office on disability etiquette.
- STEAR Program: This a voluntary program, that is a self-disclosing database coded with an individual's needs, in case of an emergency.
- Responsive to the Committee's 2014 goals, HSEM would like partner with the Committee to promote disability awareness on National Night Out scheduled for October 7.
  - Ideally, HSEM would like to leave behind for residents a disability awareness flyer on communicating with persons with disabilities and/or resources for them.
  - Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to add to next month's agenda a recommendation for registry and awareness; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.

➤ Committee Reports

- Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters
  - 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 July 23. The next meeting will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> via conference call.
  - Commissioner Kathy Keller, reported to the committee that the approved posters for DMD were being printed, and Mentee and Mentor applications have been distributed to the planning committee members.
- Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey
  - Committee Chair, Ron Lucey reported to the committee that the working group was meeting to plan the Awards Program.
  - The Awards Planning Committee would like to invite Department of Labor Office of Disability under Secretary Kathleen Martinez as this year's Awards keynote.
  - The probable site for this year's Employment Awards has been narrowed down to the Wyndham Garden Hotel on Woodward Avenue.
  - A partnership to merge with DARS is currently being discussed by the Awards Committee.
  - The online nomination form is ok, but the planning committee is working with City staff to create some easier links.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** one action item was recorded during the August 11, 2014 meeting: Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to put on next month's agenda a recommendation for registry and awareness; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Lucey. All approved.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the August 11, 2014 meeting.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Two citizens spoke during the August 11, 2014 meeting Stuart Hersh reported the following:

The Building and Fire Code Board took the following actions:

1. They recommended expedited permits for all ramps being installed for existing single-family homes and duplexes regardless of the ramp height as long as the ramps will meet International Residential Code standards. The Standard Operating Procedure and proposed rule for residential ramps now goes to the Law Department for review prior to implementation.
2. They declined to schedule a public hearing on Annual Permits.

Also, up for consideration is an emergency permitting process. Stuart will notify the committee when these items go before council.

- Darren Bates from Employment Alliance is very interested in participating in a local Business Leadership Network (BLN). He has many resources to provide to the committee to form a BLN. For the 25th ADA Anniversary, he would like to send a delegation from Austin to Washington D.C.

7. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There was no expense for the month of June, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00.
- Continuing the Annual 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: PARD, Watershed Protection, APD, CTM, Planning Development and Review were conducted.

**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
- Oct 28 Disability Employment Awards Program – Wyndham Garden Hotel 3401 S IH 35

8. **Future Agenda Items:** None this meeting.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the August 11, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Ron Lucey; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.