



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES November 10, 2014

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The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 10 Nov, 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, Adam Slosberg

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez, Lee Nguyen

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Chip Howe made a motion to approve the October 13, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Norman Kieke seconded the motion. The motion was passed with Commissioner Adam Slosberg opposing.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
 - Approval of the 2015 AMCPD Meeting Schedule: Commissioner Norman Kieke made a motion to accept the 2015 AMCPD meeting schedule; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
 - Presentation: Stephanie Tucker Airport Properties Manager, discussion of FAA Audit and new accessibility upgrades.
 - For additional information on this presentation please view Item 3a of the November 10, 2014 Meeting of the AMCPD at <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11102014-624>
 - Summary
 - The FAA conducted an ADA audit with the airport by interviewing and reviewing documents, facilities, and vendors for accessibility.
 - During the course of the audit, the FAA looked at the airport's best practices including leveled terminal access from the parking garage to the terminal, protected access aisles, accessible family and unisex bathrooms, airport familiarization tours for people with disabilities, and service animal relief areas.
 - The facility audit included all elements including, but not limited to, parking, circulation path, restrooms, signage, concessions, and service animal relief areas.
 - Issues the Aviation Department will be addressing as a result of the is audit include detectable warnings at staircase risers, faded marking in Lot A, signage throughout the airport, and the possible use of Video Relay Service through a tablet at customer kiosks.
 - IBM has partnered with the FAA to develop an airport way-finding application and ABIA has been selected as a pilot for the program.
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey inquired about the Airport having a designated space for paratransit pick up and drop off through Access-a-Ride. Stephanie will check on this and get back with the Committee.
 - Commissioner Lucey also inquired about accessible flight kiosks. Stephanie said kiosks will be shared use with airlines and meet all requirements. Stephanie will check to see if they have been tested for accessibility.

- Presentation: Dolores Gonzalez City of Austin ADA/504 Coordinator Discussion of ADA Bus Tour to celebrate 25th Anniversary of the ADA
 - This is a celebratory 25th anniversary bus tour, with each stop having a unique theme selected by a local committee. The stop in Austin will highlight ADA Trailblazers in Texas.
 - March 1st-4th Bus will be in Austin to coincide with Texas State Living Center Conference. With the main event taking place on March 3rd.
 - Suggested events include a large fair at the Bob Bullock Museum, a luncheon and exhibit at the Capitol Building.
 - A tentative schedule would include a press event on the 1st and a bus tour around Austin on the 2nd to visit such locations as Clifton School and Republic Square Park.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke for the AMCPD to provide some formal support to ADAPT for the bus tour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. The motion was passed by all.
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters will reach out to City Council for a proclamation to recognize the tour and the 25th Anniversary of the ADA.

- Committee Reports
 - Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters
 - Committee Chair Tanya Winters summarized the success of the 2014 Austin Access Awards. Winners include the Long Center, Mattress Firm and Sustainable Food Center.
 - Committee Chair Winters asked what the plan was for the businesses that did not come to the event to get their Award. Chair Jesus Lardizabal suggested that he and Commissioner Norman Kieke would drop the awards off to them, as they have done in the past.
 - DMD was a great success and Committee Chair Tanya Winters was happy to step in for Commissioner Kathy Keller. Commissioner Keller shared a note summarizing the success, as detailed by a DMD mentor.
 - Commissioner Norman Kieke and Chair Jesus Lardizabal thanked Commissioner Kathy Keller for a great job that extends to the DMD Planning Committee.
 - Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey
 - Committee Chair, Ron Lucey congratulated Dolores on getting the Martha Arbuckle Meritorious Lifetime Achievement Award and applauded his fellow AMCPD Commissioners for coming together on another successful event. He also thanked Lee and Dolores for their logistical support of the program.
 - Committee Chair Ron Lucey and Commissioner Kathy Keller went to Dallas to network with the Dallas Mayor's Committee and to receive the Governor's Committee Martha Arbuckle Award for their Business of Work Seminar.
 - Chair Jesus Lardizabal congratulated Commissioner Ron Lucey on a successful employment awards ceremony.
 - The Awards and Employment Committee will be focused on continuity of core programs with the new AMCPD Commissioners.

- 4. **ACTION ITEMS:** Several action items were recorded during the November 10, 2014 AMCPD meeting. Please see discussions on the 25th Anniversary ADA Bus Tour and Old Business - Approving the 2015 AMCPD meeting schedule.

- 5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the November 10, 2014 meeting.

- 6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There were two citizens who spoke during the November 10, 2014 meeting

- John Woodley - an advocate for people, who are deaf, discussed issues he had with the accommodations the City was providing to him. Mr. Woodley brought up that the service engagement log had the complaint section removed after he brought it up in the last meeting that the complaints were noted as zero.
 - City ADA Coordinator Dolores Gonzalez explained to Mr. Woodley the difference between formal complaints and inquiries into services. She also explained that the log was an internal report because under the ADA there is no obligation to report complaints. She reiterated that the City is addressing and responding to his complaint and related issues. There is a disagreement on what the City is required to provide under Title II of the ADA and what Mr. Woodley is requesting. The issue has been vetted by the City's Law Department. Mr. Woodley stated that he has not received transcription notes for meetings that, in the past, he has received in an educational setting.
 - Chair Jesus Lardizabal suggested that Mr. Woodley escalate his complaint formally if he felt his accommodations were unsatisfactory.
 - Commissioner Ron Lucey suggested he contact Southwest Business and Technical Assistance Center to get assistance in order to learn more about the City's obligations under ADA and how to file a formal complaint.
 - Commissioner Adam Slosberg suggested he refer his complaint to the City Manager's Office.
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters commented that the AMCPD was an advisory committee and could take no formal action on the issue.
- For additional information please view Item 4 Citizen Communication through the video link for the meeting at: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11102014-624>
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- Mack Marsh Parking Mobility detailed the pilot program in Precinct 3 addressing accessible parking violations; also available in Hays Co. For additional information please view Item 4 Citizen Communication through the video link for the meeting at: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11102014-624>
- He disputes that there was active communication with Precinct 5. Parking Mobility would like to open dialogue with Precinct 5. He looks forward to having a more complete presentation for the committee on Parking Mobility in the future.
- Currently the program has an 80% collection rate on fines. Travis County is paying Parking Mobility a flat fee of \$49,000 for 6 month pilot program.

7. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: The expenditures for the Awards Program in the month of October were 6,005.00 leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00 due to incoming funds with the beginning of fiscal year 2014-2015.
- Staff liaison Dolores Gonzalez updated the AMCPD on Mr. Woodley's accommodation including that he has been attending a few city meetings a month with accommodations being provided and is scheduled to speak at the upcoming Human Rights Commission Meeting November 24. The ADA Office is procuring an advanced conference phone system to enhance these types of accommodations.

CALENDAR

- Nov 15 Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act begins
- Nov 17 Voter Registration deadline
- Dec 12 Boards and Recognition Event inside City Atrium
- Dec 16 AMCPD Holiday Party at Threadgil's
- Dec 16 Citywide runoff elections

8. Future Agenda Items:

- Chair Jesus Lardizabal would like to propose a transition plan for the committee. Additionally, he would like to address the committee's further involvement in the 25th anniversary Bus Tour.
- Commissioner Ron Lucey would like to know when to extend an invitation to Autism Speaks on their presentation to ensure that the City Group Insurance Policy provides coverage for treating the children of employees with Autism. Commissioner Ron Lucey would also like to invite someone from the Human Resources Department who deals or negotiate on insurance coverage to be present at this meeting to speak on the matter for the City.
- Commissioner Adam Slosberg would like to invite someone to speak to the Committee on Murphy's Bill. The law allows states to invoke outpatient treatment. The bill if passed would make states use their outpatient treatment statute or face up to 85% cut in federal funding for agencies receiving funds helping people with disabilities. The law would take effect in March of 2015.

- 9. ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the November 10, 2014, meeting by Commissioner Adam Slosberg; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.