



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes December 14, 2015

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (14 Dec, 2015)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 14 Dec, 2015 at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

Chair Brian Owens called the Board Meeting to order at 12:06 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Brian Owens, Robin Orlowski, Rick Hair, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Ronnie Miller, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo and Tanya Winters  
absent: Andrew Harris

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich and Lee Nguyen

**Approval of Minutes:** Chair Brian Owens made a motion to approve the November 09, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil seconded the motion. All approved.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action:

To view the complete discussion on old business please visit

<https://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142015-593> and view item 2

- A. **Update Meeting Schedule:** David reported to the Committee that he had contacted the City Clerk's office and that the request for meeting time would have to be reviewed in January
- B. **Joint Meeting with Senior Commission:** Chair Owens reported that the meeting is tentatively scheduled for February, a draft agenda will be sent out.
- C. **MCPD Work Session:** Chair Owens proposed the January meeting date as a work session to discuss committee accomplishments, set committee goals, and ready the MCPD Annual Review.
- D. **Business Cards:** Commissioner Marshall Mitchell inquired on Business Cards; Lee Nguyen will look into it with the appropriate City group.

### 2. NEW BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action

- A. **Presentation:** Tony Arnold Austin Parks and Recreation Department Quality Assurance Program Manager, Jesus Lardizabal Altura Solutions: Accessibility to City Parks, Programs, and Facilities include brief Q&A. To view the complete presentation and discussion on this item please visit <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142015-593> and view item 3A.
  - a1. Overview
    1. Council authorized the development of an ADA Transition Plan for PARD.
    2. Altura Solutions will conduct ADA site assessments of 173 parks, 96 facilities and 200 miles of linear trails. Additionally the consultant will review PARD programs and services.
  - a2. Objectives
    1. Identify Best practices to make PARD facilities accessible

2. Review most current and applicable accessibility regulations
  3. Evaluate all major PARD properties
  4. Work closely with the community to establish goals and priorities.
- a3. Schedule
1. Winter 2015-Conduct assessments and gather community input.
  2. Spring 2016- Finalize assessments and continue gathering community feedback
  3. Summer 2016- Develop ADA Transition Plan and present plan to City Council for approval.
- a3. Public Input and contact
1. Altura Solutions would like to seek public input to understand where the public would like to place budget priorities on accessibility with PARD components.
  2. A series of public meetings will be conducted in the spring of 2016.
  3. There are various ways for the Community to provide feedback including: Email: [austinparksada@austintexas.gov](mailto:austinparksada@austintexas.gov), visit website: [austinparksada.com](http://austinparksada.com): Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AustinCityParks>: twitter: [twitter-@austincityparks](https://twitter.com/austincityparks): [speakupaustin.org](http://speakupaustin.org).
- B. **Presentation:** Bill Manno, City of Austin Management Services Corporate Special Events Program Manager Accessibility preparation for upcoming SXSW events. To view the complete presentation and discussion on this item please visit <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142015-593> and view item 3B.
- b1. Overview
1. Corporate Public Events Office is a City of Collaborative from various City departments designed to process special event requests with the City.
  2. Special Event requests for temporary use and music permits are processed through this office and if there are concerns the office will schedule a meeting to discuss those issues.
- b2. Practices and concerns
1. An ADA Compliance plan is required for any event that will disturb access to the Right of Way (ROW), public facilities or public accessibility including parking.
  2. If accessible parking is taken up, events are required to have the same number of alternative spaces available and advertised for use by People with Disabilities.
  3. MCPD Commissioners voiced various concerns about pop up SXSW venues as well as events held in established businesses and disturbances to ROW. The Corporate Public Events Office will look into these issues as they relate to accessibility.
- C. **Presentation:** Todd Marvin President CEO of Easter Seals Central Texas: The Intellectual and Developmental Disability Alliance Central Texas (IDD ACT) Presentation on IDD ACT. To view the complete presentation and discussion on this item please visit <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142015-593> and view item 3C.
- c1. Overview

1. There is no coordinated person centered system of care existing for people with disabilities, their family members and caregivers in Central Texas. Some families wait more than 10 years on waiting lists for services.
  2. No plan exists in Central Texas that exclusively targets support and improvement of services to above mentioned groups.
- c2. Goals and Commissioner Feedback
1. IDD ACT goal is to create a community plan to improve planning and coordination of people with disabilities among Central Texas service providers to improve opportunities for people with disabilities in Central Texas.
  2. IDD ACT second goal is to create a place where groups in Central Texas creating plans in Central Texas that impact people with disabilities can come and meet and plan with the disability community.
  3. Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback to Todd.
- c3. A motion was made by Commissioner Rick Hair to have Tanya Winters serve as the MCPD representative to IDD ACT the motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. All approved.

D. **Presentation:** MCPD Vice Chair Robin Orłowski Moving the ADA Office. To view the complete presentation and discussion on this item please visit <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142015-593> and view item 3D.

d1. Overview

1. This is a proposal to improve public function and visibility of the ADA Office.
2. Vice Chair Orłowski gave a summary of the office and regulations regarding people with disabilities.
3. Vice Chair Orłowski outlined the proposal and took questions and comments from MCPD Commissioners. Chair Owens reminded the Commissioners that this was an informational presentation and no action could be taken.
4. David Ondich City of Austin ADA Program Manager said that a response from the City would be given if the item was pursued and requested for a future agenda item.
5. Chair Owens will give Vice Chair Orłowski to discuss this item at the upcoming work session.

E. **Committee Reports**

- e1. Access & Youth Committee Commissioner Tanya Winters no report
- e2. Employment and Awards Committee Commissioner Tanya Winters no report

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the December 14, 2015 meeting.

4. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** There was no citizen communications at the December 14, 2015 meeting of the MCPD.
5. **ACTION ITEMS:** One action item were taken during the December 14, 2015 meeting please see item c3.
6. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Lee Nguyen Please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142015-593> and view item 6-8 for the complete briefing.
  - A. **Budget:** report: There were no expenses in the month of November leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00.
7. **CALENDAR:**
  - A. Dec 14 Event benefitting VSA Texas 10,000 Villages Burnet Rd. 5-9pm
  - B. Dec 15 MCPD Holiday Party starting at 5:30pm please see flyer for details
8. **Future Agenda Items:**
  - A. Chair Owens is preparing an agenda for the upcoming January Work Session.
9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the December 14, 2015, meeting by Commissioner Deborah Trejo. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.