



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes March 14, 2016

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (14 Mar, 2016)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a joint meeting with the Commission on Seniors on 14 *March, 2016* at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

MCPD Chair Brian Owens called the Board Meeting to order at 12:06 PM this was followed by Commission on Seniors Chair Dan Pruett making introductions.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Brian Owens, Vice Chair Robin Orlowski, Diane Kerns-Osterweil Chris Masey, Tanya Winters absent: Marshall Mitchell, Danny Saenz and Deborah Trejo.

Staff in Attendance: Lee Nguyen for MCPD and Edna Staniszewski for Commission on Seniors.

Approval of Minutes: Vice Chair Robin Orlowski made a motion to approve the February 22, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.

1. Citizen Communication: One citizen communication were made during the March 14, 2016 MCPD Meeting. To view the complete communication and commissioners comments please visit the following link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/03142016-628> and view

2. item 2.

A. **David Gray, Citizen:** Free Rideshare Petition

3. NEW BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action

A. **Presentation Eric Dusza Public Works Sidewalk and Special Projects Division Planner Senior, Justin Norvell Public Works Office of the City Engineer Engineering Associate C: Update on the City of Austin Sidewalk Master Plan with Q&A.** To view the complete presentation and commissioner's discussion and questions please visit the following link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/03142016-628> and view item 4a.

a1. Summary

1. The Peer City Report was issued to both Commissions and the presenters handed out two maps detailing the condition of sidewalks during the meeting.
2. The Current Sidewalk Inventory consists of 2,408 miles of sidewalks. The replacement cost is 475K per mile. The identified estimated repair need is 32 miles of sidewalk funded at 15 million per/year.
3. The estimated cost to build absent sidewalk is 1.46 billion.
4. Per Capita spending: The City of Houston has spent 0 dollars on repair because they have not accepted responsibility for their sidewalks; The City of Minneapolis

has a fully built-out system and the City of Memphis is spending 8.5 million each year as part of a settlement from ADA litigation.

5. Sidewalk Prioritization is assigned by 2 elements pedestrian attractors (what gets people to walk in the area being mapped, such as population density, schools, and businesses) The second element is pedestrian safety which is determined by accidents, street types and health status of the population in the area being mapped.
 6. Condition rating: Currently the City has 20% of sidewalks in a functionally acceptable condition (A-B). 80% of the sidewalks is conditionally deficient (C-F). However 20% of the Sidewalks could be brought into a functionally acceptable condition with removal of vegetation.
 7. Vegetation Removal: The City would like to promote landowner responsibility in maintaining vegetation. The City will begin a public service campaign to address vegetation removal. Individual notification and possible enforcement will follow.
 8. Sidewalk Repair Goal: A proposal of 15 million in sidewalk maintenance per year would result in 95% of all high priority areas being functionally acceptable and 55% of the total network being functionally acceptable.
 9. Funding Sources for sidewalk repair: Potential funding sources include the Transportation User Fee (TUF), Bonds, Commercial, multi-family, and residential driveway assessments, and enforcement fees.
 10. New Sidewalk Goals: The goal is to complete priority sidewalks within ¼ mile of all identified schools, bus stops, and parks within 6 years. The cost for new sidewalk construction would be 42 million dollars annually over the next 6 years, to complete 67 miles per year for a total of 400 miles.
 11. Funding Sources for new sidewalk construction: Potential funding sources would include the sources for sidewalk repair and also include sidewalk fee-in lieu, new developer sidewalk fee, incentive and cost matching.
 12. Schedule for Adoption: Public Works is currently finishing round two of the public meeting and feedback process. Public Works is working on a draft for adoption and will be seeking both the MCPD and Commission on Seniors recommendation for adoption at the May meetings for both committees and then will move forward to push for adoption by Council in late June.
- B. **MCPD Committee Reports:** To view the complete reports as well as those of the Commission on Seniors' working groups, please visit the following link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/03142016-628> and view item 4b and 4c.
- b1. Access & Public Policy Committee: No report initial meeting planned.
 - b2. Awards and Outreach Committee: No report initial meeting planned.

- b3. Education and Employment Committee: MCPD Chair Brian Owens talked about items related to this newly formed MCPD committee.
 1. At the meeting, MCPD Chair Brian Owens summarized the main activities of the MCPD including: Disability Mentoring Day, The Employment Awards Program, and making recommendations to Council on topics concerning people with disabilities.
 2. MCPD Chair Brian Owens reported at the meeting that he is developing a job readiness seminar for people with disabilities. The MCPD will work with the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and the Texas Workforce Commission, who are MCPD employment partners.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING**: No public hearings were held during the March 14, 2016 meeting.
5. **ACTION ITEMS**: No Action items were taken during the March 14, 2016.
6. **STAFF BRIEFING**: Lee Nguyen for the MCPD and Edna Staniszewski for the Commission on Seniors. To view the complete staff briefings for both committees and commissioners comments please visit this link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/03142016-628> and view items 5A and 5B.
 - A. Budget: report: There were no expenses in the month of November leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00.
 - B. The ADA Office is working to finalize the City's ADA Implementation Report for FY 2015. The office is currently waiting on the library department's report to finalize the full City report.
 - C. No Calendar items were mentioned during the March 14, 2016 meeting.
7. **Future Agenda Items**: To view the complete discussion on future agenda items for the MCPD and Commission on Seniors please visit this link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/03142016-628> and view item 6.
 - A. Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil would like to get an event report from the City's Special Events Office on SXSW accessibility on a future agenda item.
 - B. Vice Chair Orlowski is interested in a presentation from the Mayor's Office of Equity once the office is fully formed and ready to make introductions. This item will be considered as a future agenda item.
7. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the March 14, 2016, meeting by Commissioner Tanya Winters. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. All approved.