

JOINT MEETING (COMMISSION ON SENIORS AND MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

(14, March, 2016)



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APPROVED MINUTES

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The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Commission on Seniors convened in a joint meeting at Boards and Commissions, First floor in room 1101, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair, Brian Owens called the Board Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

COMMISSION ON SENIORS

<i>Dan Pruett, Chair</i>	<i>Elaine Cohen</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>David Gray, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Thomas McDowell</i>	<i>Peter Varteressian</i>
<i>Janee Briesemeister</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>	<i>Jennifer Scott</i>	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Joyce Lauck

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<i>Brian Owens, Chair</i>	<i>Diane Kearns-Osterweil</i>	<i>Tanya Winters</i>
<i>Robin Orlowski, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Chris Masey</i>	

Board Members not in Attendance:

<i>Marshall Mitchell</i>	<i>Danny Saenz</i>	<i>Deborah Trejo</i>
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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- A. Approval of the MCPD February 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes and The Commission on Seniors February 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
 - i. Due to a quorum not present, the approval of minutes for MCPD will be delayed.
 - ii. Commissioner David Gray made a motion to approve the Commission on Seniors minutes. Commissioner Peter Varteressian seconded the motion.
Motion passed 11-0.

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2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

David Gray - Free ride share and road way improvement initiative.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Eric Dusza, City of Austin Public Works Department Sidewalks Special Projects, Planner Senior – Update on the City of Austin Sidewalk Master with Q&A.

- Including Justin Norvell
- The City of Austin has a sidewalk plan within that masterplan. There are visions and goals and these goals lay out the prioritization of sidewalk construction and repair of the existing sidewalks.
- The map presented indicates all the absent and existence sidewalks in the City of Austin. Existing sidewalks are shown in green, and the absent sidewalks are shown in purple. They are broken down by council districts. This slide is the core part of the city (center city) where there's a substantial amount of existing sidewalks. The immediate ring that follows that is where there are considerable amounts of absent sidewalks. Any developments that occur after the ordinance was in place, after 1980, started installing sidewalks more frequently.
- Current statistics reveal there are 2400 miles of sidewalks; replacement cost is \$475,000 per mile. Annual repair approximately 32 miles is \$15 million. Absent sidewalks is \$1.46 million for 2,387 miles.
- Maps show the ranking of the sidewalks:
 - Pedestrian attractor score – proximity to transit, schools, government offices, and population
 - Pedestrian safety score – accidents, street type, health status
- Condition rating system – going out and rating the sidewalks. Data collected shows:
 - 20% in A/B functional condition
 - 80% of functional deficient
- If we could remove vegetation obstruction we could increase functional sidewalk from 20% to 40%.
- Have a Right-of-Way (ROW) vegetation maintenance awareness campaign which would inform the landowners of what's their responsibility.
- Address remaining vegetation:
 - i. Public trees – city takes care of
 - ii. Individual notification – possible enforcement
 - iii. Priority areas - city cost of maintenance is quarter of million dollars

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- Potential funding:
 - i. Transportation User Fee (TUF)
 - ii. Bonds
 - iii. Commercial/multifamily driveway assessment
 - iv. Residential driveway assessment
 - v. Enforcement fees
- There are 2 programs: Repairs and New sidewalks.
- Where are we in the process, where are we going?
 - i. Finishing up round two of the meetings.
 - ii. Currently working on putting together an option draft and will be released to the public. We would like to come back for a formal recommendation from each of these groups and hopefully move it forward to City Council in late June.
- Summary of estimated budget
 - i. Repair is \$15 million year
 - ii. New sidewalks \$42 million a year
 - iii. Total of \$57 million a year for repair and new sidewalk funding
- Would like to come to your May meetings for formal recommendations.
- The pedestrian attractor score signifies – we take each segment of the sidewalk (1/8 – 1/4 of a mile) and it's given a score to a pedestrian attractor. The more of pedestrian attractors there are within radius of the sidewalk the higher the score will be for that segment.
- The draft will be posted online in the middle of next month. Currently there is information on the website where you can send feedback/comments.
- The recommendation is up to each group. Prior to posting on line, it will be submitted to each group for review.

B. Commission on Senior Working Group Reports:

I. Transportation

- Group consists of Commissioners: Kareithi, Lauck, Scott, Gray, Briesemeister; and Mary Teeters.
- Last meeting had a presentation from Commissioner Gray; develop demand response service in District 6 where they can't get local transit options.
- Provide equivalent services for people with disabilities as well as those who do not have one.
- Guides and recommendations to discuss in the working group tomorrow to take to the board.
- Meeting tomorrow afternoon.

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II. Age Friendly City

- Group consists of Commissioners: Briesemeister, Van Sickle, Scott, Gray, Garcia-Pittman; Angela Attwood and Teresa Ferguson from AustinUp; Jessica Lemann and Carla Penny from AARP; and Mary Teeters.
- Hand out contains a summary about the working group.
- 55 and over is the fastest growing population.
- City of Austin is seeking designation for age friendly community from the World Health Organization. The World Health Organization has criteria for cities and cities all over the United States and all over the world. In the US, AARP is the organization that works with the World Health Organization. Austin currently has the designation of an age friendly city but needs to create a plan of action to maintain that designation. The plan will follow the 8 domains which are on the sheet you've been handed.
- The Commissioners have been meeting with community members, AustinUp (focuses on older citizens), working on recommendations on each of these domains. AustinUp and AARP are planning on some community outreach meetings that will take place in April, one in East Austin and one in far North Austin, one centrally located to get community input of Austin issue areas. Will be happy to share the first draft with your committee if you have any interest in that when it's ready.

C. MCPD: Update on MCPD Committees' initial meeting schedule, committee appointments, and related committees' activities.

- Formed their committees last month.
 - i. Access
 - ii. Public policy committee
 - iii. Award and outreach committee
 - iv. Education and employment committee
- A lot of the focus has been employment, not only get employment, but get transportation to employment. Currently preparing a job readiness seminar which will be exclusive to those with disabilities to get them prepared for actual career fair, maybe giving them resume writing tips, workshops on different job search, things like that. Working with DARS and the Workforce Commission, really excited about that. Right now just calling it a job readiness seminar.
- We have annual employer awards where we recognize employers in the community who have hired individuals with disabilities.
- Mentoring day, where they place high school students for a 1-2 day internship with a real employer, popular function that we do.
- Three things that take a lot of time.

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- Commissioner Robin Orłowski made a motion to approve the February MCPD minutes. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. MCPD: Lee H Nguyen or David Ondich ADA Office Report

- i. An implementation report of how the City implements the ADA every fiscal year; we are looking at the end of March for that to come out. We are waiting on one department from library and they say it's in revision form. Hoping to finalize the report and will send pdf to commissioners.
- ii. All major departments submit reports but they have to be approved by management before being submitted.

B. Commission On Seniors: Edna Staniszewski, Staff Report

Two presenters next month:

- i. Neighborhood Housing on 2016-2017 Action Plan Process, Austin Housing Plan development, and opportunities for public participation.
- ii. Austin transportation giving us a staff briefing on an update regarding City Council Resolution to initiate a public conversation and input process to identify and prioritize transportation projects.

C. Calendar Items for MCPD or Commission on Seniors

- i. No items

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission on Seniors:

- Commissioner Janee Briesemeister motioned that the sidewalk be added to the agenda for April. Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Janee Briesemeister received information from Council Member Ann Kitchen regarding the "Tax Swap" and the impact this will have on Seniors. Commissioner Janee Briesemeister made a motion to add to April's agenda. Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Martin Kareithi made a motion to have the Transportation working group present a recommendation in April's agenda. Commissioner Janee Briesemeister seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Martin Kareithi made a motion to have Capital Metro present in June for the Capital Metro 2025 update. Commissioner Janee Briesemeister seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Janee Briesemeister motioned that the Age Friendly City be added to May agenda. Dan Pruett seconded the motion.

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Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities:

- Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil inquired if the staff has received feedback or results of how it went for the 2016 SXSW. Staff Liaison Lee Nguyen will follow up with Bill Manno. If the information is ready to share, they will add item to April's agenda.
- Vice Chair Robin Orlowski would like to extend an invitation to the City Manager's office; the funding for the equity office was approved and are hiring staff. Disability is going to be one of the components and would they be willing to come in and talk to us. Staff Liaison Lee Nguyen will be in communication with the office and will add the item to agenda when information has been received.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.