



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes May 13, 2016

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (13 May, 2016)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 13 May, 2016 at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

MCPD Chair Brian Owens called the Board Meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Chair Owens turned over the Meeting to Vice Chair Tanya Winters at 6:55pm as he needed to leave.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Brian Owens, Vice Chair Tanya Winters, Diane Kerns-Osterweil Chris Masey, Marshall Mitchell, Robin Orłowski, Danny Saenz, David Simmons, and Deborah Trejo,

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** Vice Chair Tanya Winters made a motion to approve the April 08, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Robin Orłowski seconded the motion. All approved.
- 2. Citizen Communication:** Two citizen communication were made during the May 13, 2016 MCPD Meeting. To view the complete communication and commissioners comments please visit the following link:  
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 2 (part 2 of 2)
  - A. Jason Shaw, Business Owner, spoke to Committee on Disadvantage Business Employer (DBE) certification and how to improve communication regarding this process and include people with disabilities under the DBE certification.
  - B. Chase Bearden, Coalition of People with Disabilities has been working on the DBE certification issue regarding people with disabilities.
- 3. OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action: No old business was discussed at this meeting.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Presentation:** John Eastman Public Works Department Sidewalk and Special Projects Division, Project Manager 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan / ADA Transition Plan Update review and recommendation to City Council. To view the complete presentation and commissioner's discussion and questions please visit the following link <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 4A.
    - a1. Goals:
      1. Encourage walking and Improve viable walking paths, including transit system;
      2. 10 year plan to improve access to existing sidewalks. Includes inventory of current barriers and plan to remove barriers;
      3. Prioritizing new sidewalks – 10 year goal 390 miles of new sidewalks.

4. Existing sidewalk improvement and new sidewalk construction are two separate plans.
5. Funding at 15 million for existing sidewalks and 25 million for new sidewalk construction. For a total of 40 million a year. A Citywide vegetation public service campaign is being created to clear vegetation for existing sidewalks which will improve accessibility.
6. **Motion:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion at the May 13, 2016 MCPD meeting to support a recommendation from MCPD in support of the 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan Update. The Motion was second by Commissioner Danny Saenz. All Approved.

B. **Presentation:** Sam Sargent J.D. Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Community Involvement Coordinator Connections 2025 service plan outreach and opportunities for improvement to system accessibility and paratransit services. To view the complete presentation and commissioner's discussion and questions please visit the following link <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 4B.

b1. Summary:

1. Summarized projects implemented through this process; Data collection and review in October of 2015; Looking to make existing system work better;
2. Community input meetings May 24, 25, and 26. Information available on website Connections2025.org
3. Cap Metro will follow up with all Commissioner questions.

C. **Discussion:** City Equity Office and provide feedback to Executives: To view the complete discussion and commissioners' comments please visit the following link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 4C.

c1. Summary:

1. Vice Chair, Tanya Winters attended public meetings. A primary MCPD goal is to be in a position to provide feedback to insure people with disabilities are included in programming; through the Joint Inclusion Committee.
2. Meetings are designed to give stakeholders an opportunity to advise city on issues of inclusion; Equity Office stated that they are in need of a qualified LGBT advisor.
3. Vice Chair Winters attended April 11 meeting. City presented update on creation of the office and timeline of equity office. Austin sought to gather input regarding the profile of chief equity officer; the cities of Portland, Washington DC and Toronto currently have equity offices.
4. City of Austin has hired 2 consulting firms: Hawkins Company to assist with recruiting of Chief Equity officer and Government alliance for race and equity to analyze equity service tool, where to start and to help prioritize. Likely start with race equity. Each city department will have an equity liaison.
5. Timeline: Late April, Chief Equity Officer Position was posted; May 25 and 26, 2 town hall meetings; Late June, DARE will issue final report and chief equity officer will be appointed.
6. Vice Chair Winters attended Mobility Talks Town Hall.

7. Mobility priorities include: Congestion, safety, streets and sidewalks, and neighborhood connectivity;
8. **Motion:** Vice Chair Tanya Winters made a motion at the May 13, 2016 MCPD meeting to draft a formal recommendation from MCPD to Mobility Talks regarding the key points discussed at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Trejo. All approved.
9. **Motion:** Chair Brian Owens made a motion at the May 13, 2016 MCPD meeting to draft a formal recommendation to include disability as a key component of the Office of Equity's impending work. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Trejo.
10. **Motion:** Commissioner Marshall Mitchell made a motion to amend at the May 13, 2016 to the above motion regarding the Equity Office to include ADA Office in the Office of Equity, the motion to amend was not seconded.
11. The Un-amended motion was approved by all.

**D: Discussion:** Transportation Networking Companies: To view the complete discussion and commissioners' comments please visit the following link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 4D.

d1. Summary:

1. Chair Owens indicated that TNC representatives could not make the meeting. MCPD is interested in learning more about what services are offered to people with disabilities.
2. In looking at all transportation options, MCPD wants to offer feedback and recommendations.
3. Chair Owens recommended MCPD try to get Uber and Lyft to present at June meeting. Commissioner Saenz recommended also including Get Me, and others. A goal of the MCPD may be to encourage inclusion of accessibility requirements for providers doing business in Austin.

**E: Report from MCPD Committees:** For the complete reports and commissioners' discussions please visit

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 4E:

e1. Access & Public Policy Committee (APP):

1. Commissioner Danny Saenz was elected Committee Chair.
2. The Committee discussed transportation issues; set times for future APP Committee meetings.
3. Commissioner Marshall requested that automated doors for city Hall restrooms be added to APP May 23 working agenda.

e2. Awards and Outreach Committee:

1. Vice Chair Winters was elected as Committee Chair;
2. The Employment awards nomination form is currently available; Keynote speaker may be from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC); Planning is underway by city staff; the event will happen in October.
3. The Committee is looking into webinars by possibly partnering with the SouthWest ADA Center;
4. The Committee is considering an MCPD blog and having each commissioner take a turn talking about the recent meeting and a topic of interest.

5. Austin access awards - Celebrated with ADA Anniversary. The Nomination form is currently available on the MCPD page of the ADA website at [austintexas.gov](http://austintexas.gov); City staff will organize with city council meeting.

e3. Education and Employment Committee:

1. Commissioner Chris Masey was elected as Committee Chair; The Committee would like to continue with the Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) event. Committee Chair Chris Masey and Diane Kearns-Osterweil will work together on the event. The Asian American culture center will likely be the site of the event.
2. The Business of work seminar will be open to adults with disabilities to get ready for employment. DARS will not be hosting this year, but Committee Chair Masey may have an alternate;
3. IDACT meeting community plan group – Worked on goals and initiatives for the coming year. The group is looking to insert disability into conversations in community plans.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the May 13, 2016 meeting.

6. **ACTION ITEMS:** Action items were taken during the May 13, 2016 meeting. Please see items: 4 New Business, 4a1 (6), 4c1 (8-11).

7. **STAFF BRIEFING:** David Ondich. To view Commissioners comments and discussion on the briefing please visit this link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view items 5a and 5b.

- A. Budget: report: There were no expenses in the month of April leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00.
- B. David Ondich reported to the Committee, that he is processing the request from the MCPD for a social media presence.
- C. David Ondich reported to the Committee that the update to the webpages are ongoing.
- D. Calendar: Equity office town hall, May 25 and 26.

8. **Future Agenda Items:** To view the complete discussion on future agenda items for the MCPD please visit this link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/05132016-604> and view item 6.

- A. Jason Shaw's presentation; City presentation on current MWBE eligibility; uber and Lyft; Other ride share companies if interested; Uber access plan; Dial a ride.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the May 13, 2016, meeting by Vice Chair Tanya Winters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. All approved.