



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes Sept 21, 2015

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (21 Sept, 2015)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on *21 Sept, 2015* at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

City staff liaison Lee Nguyen called the Board Meeting to order at 12:06 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Dolores Gonzalez, Rick Hair, Andrew Harris, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Robin Orlowski, Brian Owens, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo and Tanya Winters. Excused Marshall Mitchell

**Staff in Attendance:** Lee Nguyen

1. Election of MCPD Officers: Due to compliance with the Texas Public Meeting Act, the elections of MCPD Officers were held again using an open voting methodology.
  - A. The commissioners discussed the MCPD officer nominations, election, and officer duties with Deena Estrada from the City Clerk's Office. To view the complete discussion please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 1.
  - B. Commissioner Rick Hair made a motion to nominate Commissioner Brian Owens for MCPD Chair. Commissioner Andrew Harris seconded the motion. All Approved.
  - C. Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to nominate Commissioner Robin Orlowski as MCPD Vice Chair. All Approved.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to approve the August 10, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Rick Hair seconded the motion. All approved.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action: Deena Estrada Boards and Commissions Coordinator: Feedback from proposed changes to MCPD By-Laws. To view discussion and commissioners' comments please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 3.
  - A. Deena presented on the Bylaw Amendment Process explaining the universal changes being made to all Boards and Commissions By-Laws. Deena also explained the process to make changes that are not part of the current code transitioning Boards and Commissions. Deena discussed the additional MCPD committees being proposed, as well as other suggested changes from the MCPD Bylaws Working Group.
  - B. Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to reconstitute the MCPD By-laws working group to discuss the proposed changes to the MCPD By-laws with City Staff. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. All approved.
  - C. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski, Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Commissioner Tanya Winters all expressed interest in serving on the MCPD By-Laws Working Group.

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action

- A. Discussion: The Joint Inclusion Committee requires a representative from the MCPD. To view the complete discussion please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 4a.
- Vice Chair Robin Orlowski and Commissioner Tanya Winters were nominated as the MCPD representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee.
  - The MCPD elected Tanya Winters by a vote of 7 to 2 to be the MCPD Joint Inclusion Committee representative.
- B. Presentation: John Eastman Public Works (PW) Sidewalk Program Project Manager, Justin Norvell, and Eric Dusza PW Staff: Sidewalk Master Plan Update- Briefing Q&A. To view the complete presentation and discussion please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 4B.
- The plan is currently in the Opportunity phase which allows for feedback and development of the draft which will be ready later on this year.
  - Sidewalk Maintenance: John and Justin gave a brief overview of maintenance including analysis of current conditions, the responsibility of sidewalk maintenance, and funding sources.
  - New Sidewalks: John gave a brief overview of new sidewalks including priorities, shared space principles, funding sources, and Access Austin.
- C. **Committee Reports-** The view the complete reports please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 4c.
- Access & Youth Committee
    - DMD Chair Dolores Gonzalez briefly discussed White Cane Day. The date for the event will be October 21, 2015 at the Asian American Resource Center.
    - DMD Chair Gonzalez briefly summarized activities for the event including the DMD Luncheon.
    - City Council Member Ora Houston will deliver the DMD Proclamation at the DMD Luncheon.
    - A pair of DMD Matching meetings are scheduled for September 22 and the 24<sup>th</sup> to match mentees to mentors.
  - Employment and Awards Committee
    - Committee Chair Dolores Gonzalez reported that judges have been confirmed for the Awards nomination process, The Awards keynote will be delivered by Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Commissioner Veronda Durden.
    - The Event will be held on Monday October 19 at the Wyndham Garden Austin Hotel starting at 5:30pm.
    - Committee Chair Gonzalez reported the nominations received in the various awards categories.
    - Committee Chair Gonzalez invited MCPD Commissioners to the event as guest and award presenters.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the September 21, 2015 meeting.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** There was one citizen communications at the September 21, 2015 meeting of the MCPD. To view the communication please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 5.
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7. **ACTION ITEMS:** Action items taken during the September 21, 2015 meeting. Please see items 1B, 1C, 3B, and 4A to review the action items.
8. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Lee Nguyen Please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/09212015-551> and view item 6 for the complete briefing.
  - A. **Budget:** report: There were no expenses in August leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00. Lee Nguyen reiterated that funding for the MCPD is mostly committed to the Employment Awards Program.
  - B. Staff liaison Lee Nguyen reported that The Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) had won the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Airport Disability Compliance Program Accessibility Award.
  - C. Staff liaison Nguyen reported that The City of Austin ADA Office had concluded a partnership with Austin Resource Recovery to train 378 department employees in Disability Etiquette and Sensitivity.
  - D. Commissioners from the Commission on Seniors will be sitting in on the November MCPD regular meeting.

#### **CALENDAR**

- A. Oct 14 White Cane Day
  - B. Oct 19 MCPD 36<sup>th</sup> Disability and Employment Awards
  - C. Oct 21 Disability Mentoring Day
8. **Future Agenda Items:** Future agenda items were discussed during the September 21, 2015 meeting included:
    - A. Commissioner Gonzalez suggested having Linda Espy come given an update at the December MCPD meeting on the Travis County Youth Work base Learning Program.
    - B. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski would like to present a proposal to move the ADA Office to the Mayor's Office or Community Affairs.
  9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the September 21, 2015, meeting by Commissioner Rick Hair. Commissioner Andrew Harris seconded the motion. All approved.