



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes August 12, 2016

### Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (12 August, 2016)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12 August, 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 5:00 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Brian Owens, Chair, Tanya Winters, Vice Chair, Kevin Jackson, Chris Masey, Marshall Mitchell, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz, David Simmons  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deborah Trejo, Diane Kearns-Osterweil

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Orlowski moved approval of July 8, 2016 MCPD meeting. Commissioner Winters seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** A Citizen spoke regarding Capital Metro discontinuing the Access-a-Ride Program. The citizen voiced disapproval of the action. To view the complete communication please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 2
3. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action: Commissioner Winters inquired about a second presentation by Small and Minority Business Resource Department. Staff Liaison Ondich stated that he would attempt to identify a presenter. Chair Owens reminded commissioners to e-mail desired agenda items to staff liaisons. To view the complete discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 3
4. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action: Commissioner Winters made a motion to move the Staff Presentation on Equity Officer up on the agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded. The Motion carried.
  - a. **Staff Presentation:** Austin Human Resources staff, Rod Crane – Overview on the role of the MCPD in the interview and selection process of Chief Equity Officer. To view the complete presentation and discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 5A and 4A. Brief status report on background of the posting, applicant vetting, formal interview process in July and ACM selection of the final 4 candidates. MCPD is being asked to identify a representative on the panel to conduct one round of interviews. There will be a town hall meeting the evening of August 25 open to general public. Selection of the Equity Officer will be made some time in September or early October.
  - b. **Action Item:** Brian Owens, MCPD Chair – Call for nominations and selection of MCPD Commissioner to serve on Interview Panel for Chief Equity Officer. To view the complete action item and discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 4A. – Commissioner Tonya Winters volunteered to serve on the panel and

Commissioner Mitchell volunteered to be an alternate. Commissioner Orlowski so moved and Commissioner Saenz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Presentation:** Janee Briesmiester, Chair, Commission on Seniors – Presentation on the proposed Age Friendly City Action Plan. To view the complete presentation and discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 4B. MCPD Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Upon completion of the discussion, Chair Owens called for a motion to support the plan. Commissioner Winters made a motion to support the plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Massey. Commissioner Orlowski discussed some healthcare and insurance concerns. Ms. Briestmeister pointed to the area of the plan that she believed addressed those concerns. Following discussion, the motion passed 8 to 1, with Commissioner Orlowski voting “nay”.
- d. **Discussion and Action Item:** Brian Owens, MCPD Chair – recommended that the discussion of budget be included in committee reports, since those reports would likely contribute to the discussion. Commissioner Jackson so moved and Commissioner Masey seconded. The motion carried. To view the complete action item and discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 4C.
- e. **MCPD Committee Reports:** For discussion and possible action. To view the complete committee reports and discussions please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 4D.
  - i. **Access and Public Policy Committee:** Chair Saenz stated that the committee did not meet.
  - ii. **Awards and Outreach Committee** – Chair Winters reminded Commissioners that Access Awards were being presented at August 18 Council meeting. Provided brief explanation of the awards. Recommended 2016 Access Award winners were Pho Please and Pieology. Commissioner Jackson moved to accept recommendation and Saenz seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) will be on October 19, at the Asian American Resource Center. DMD Steering Committee Met telephonically on July 28. Next meeting will be August 16. This meeting is limited to Steering Committee Members only. Commissioner winters requested lunch be provided by MCPD. Commissioner Winters also requested that MCPD provide drinks at the DMD lunch event. Mitchell moved and Masey seconded. Motion carried. DMD application packets are due by September 19. Committee has reached out to Council Members requesting someone read the DMD Proclamation at the Luncheon. There will be an employer panel and Dave Dobber of DARS will serve as MC for the event.
  - iii. **Employment and Education Committee** – Chair Masey – Committee did not meet.

5. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** David Ondich To view the complete briefing please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view item 5B.

- a. Budget Update/ADA Report – David Ondich – Provided an update on ADA and MCPD web presence; and gave an update on push-button doors on restrooms at City Hall.

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** To view the complete future agenda items and discussion please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/08122016-631> and view

item 6. AIDS policy move to ADA Office; BDRD Contract Division; Mobility Bond; Establishment of work groups; Strategic Housing Plan.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Tanya Winters to adjourn the August 12, 2016 MCPD Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Jackson. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.