



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (15 November, 2016)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 16 November, 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 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, Deborah Trejo **ABSENT:** Diane Kearns-Osterweil

Staff in Attendance: David Ondich

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the September 16 MCPD Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

Commissioner Orlowski made a motion that the report of the Access and Public Policy Chair, Danny Saenz be stricken from the minutes, as the committee did not formally meet. The motion did not receive a second. The minutes were approved as written.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: There were no citizens signed up for public comment. Commissioner Saenz motion to move Citizen Communication to the end of the meeting, as he had heard that a citizen intended to speak. Commissioner Trejo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action: No old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS: Chair Owens moved discussion regarding joint meeting with Seniors Commission up on the agenda to the first item.

A. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a joint meeting with the Commission on Seniors and setting an outline for the agenda of that meeting: chair Owens invited Commission on Seniors' Staff Liaison, Janie Briesmiester to provide information about the Commission on Seniors' 2017 schedule. It was determined that a joint meeting could be held at the February MCPD meeting. The Chairs of the respective committees will meet to discuss agenda items that are of interest to both committees.

Transportation and Housing are two key issues. Commissioner Winters recommended that the Age-friendly Action Plan be reviewed at the meeting and priority points be identified. Consider meeting the Equity Officer at the joint meeting. To view the complete discussion please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11152016-1216> and view item 4B.

B. Discussion regarding the Disparity Study recommendation: Commissioner Masey provided committee members with draft language regarding a recommendation to establish a disadvantaged business designation for small businesses owned by persons with disabilities. The handout included the Houston ordinance. Commissioners discussed specific language in the proposal. Commissioners Masey and Trejo will develop an edited version including the agreed upon revisions. Chair Owens requested committee members speak to their respective City Council Members to determine if the designation can be made without a disparity study. If the designation cannot be made, a disability-focused disparity study, or fact-finding process will be recommended. Commissioner Masey requested that staff attempt to identify the cost of the last disparity study.

Commissioner Trejo moved and Commissioner Winters seconded that the revised document be shared with Council members and Mayor. The motion passed unanimously. To view the complete discussion please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11152016-1216> and view item 4A.

C. MCPD Committee Reports Discussion and possible action regarding the reports from the Access and Public Policy Committee; Awards and Outreach Committee; and the Employment and Education Committee. To view the complete reports please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11152016-1216> and view item 4C.

- i. APP Subcommittee Chair, Danny Saenz reported that The APP Subcommittee met and received a presentation by Austin Fire Lieutenant Coggin regarding their accessible smoke alarm program. Subcommittee Chair Saenz provided a phone number and indicated that brochures were available at the sign-in table. Commissioner Saenz asked that staff provide a link to the program to all committee members via e-mail.
- ii. Chair Owens read the report of Awards and Outreach Subcommittee Chair Winters. The October events with which the MCPD was associated were a success. Austin's White Cane Day Celebration was well attended. Likewise, Austin's Disability Mentoring Day and Disability Employment Awards were very successful. Chair Owens thanked staff for their work on these programs.
- iii. The Education and Employment Subcommittee did not meet. Chair Masey was not able to get the Business of Work Seminar pulled together with the ACC partners. An effort will be made in the future. Commissioner Trejo recommended that MCPD reach out to Clifton School.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS To view the complete briefing please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11152016-1216> and view item 5A-5D.

- a. Budget Update/ADA Report: Staff Liaison, David Ondich reported that the committee had received its annual budget allocation. He indicated that he would send the ADA Program report to committee members via e-mail.
- b. Presentation and discussion on the CodeNext and Imagine Austin Plan from the Planning and Zoning Department: Paul DiGiuseppe provided a presentation about what code next is and where they are in the process and where they should go next. A draft code will be released in January of 2017. They are seeking feedback. Plan deals with zoning issues and may impact transportation, housing and other issues possibly relevant to persons with disabilities. For the full presentation, please visit...

- c. Presentation and discussion on the Strategic Housing Plan from the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department: Jonathan Tomko presented on the Strategic Housing Plan. Goals and targets around housing. Purpose to align resources and create more affordable options. For the entire presentation, please view...
- d. Gail McCant, Equal Employment Fair Housing Division Response to inquiry regarding HIV/AIDS complaint process: Ms. McCant indicated that there had been one inquiry in the past 1.5 years and it was a claim of discrimination that was investigated and resolved. The current system is working, as the HR Director understands that she is to forward any inquiries to either the ADA Office, if it applies to city facilities, services and programs, or the EE/FH Office if it is an employment or housing issue.

****2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** To view citizen communication please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11152016-1216> and view item 2 Part 2 of 2. moved from previous place on the agenda: John Woodley spoke regarding drive-through facilities' unwillingness to allow walk-up or bicycles access to services. Requested that the committee request of the city to amend the code to provide require services for people with disabilities when walk in services are closed.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

7. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS: To view all announcements please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11152016-1216> and view item 7. Staff Liaison requested that all commissioners check their BC accounts regularly; Chair Owens indicated that the next meeting may be in January, but there will be a discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.