



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes April 08, 2016

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (08 Apr, 2016)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 08 April, 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 5:03 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Brian Owens, Vice Chair Robin Orlowski, Diane Kerns-Osterweil Chris Masey, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo, Tanya Winters
absent: Marshall Mitchell

Staff in Attendance: David Ondich and Lee Nguyen

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **Citizen Communication:** Two citizen communication were made during the March 14, 2016 MCPD Meeting. To view the complete communication and commissioners comments please visit the following link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04082016-597> and view item 2.
 - A. Cheyenne Krause, Transportation Department: Mobility Talk: The City would like to get public feedback to improve modes of transportation in the City. To view the survey and meeting schedule please visit mobilitytalks.org
 - B. John Woodley, Citizen: Reasonable Accommodations for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to attend City meetings.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action: Chair Owens reported to the Committee that the Business of Work Seminar was in the planning process.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action **Motion:** Chair Brian Owens made a motion during the April 8, 2016 MCPD meeting, to move item 4a, the election of MCPD Officers as item 4b and to take item 4b the presentation from Jim Padilla with NHCD as item 4a. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.
 - A. **Presentation:** Jim Padilla, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD), Senior Research Analyst: FY 2016-2017 Action Plan Process, Austin Housing Plan development, and opportunities for public participation. To view the complete presentation and commissioner's discussion and questions please visit the following link: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04082016-597> and view item 4B.
 - a1. Presentation Summary
 1. The City will receive 11.4 million from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in FY 16-17; the Action plan serves as the application for the City to receive federal

funds. This is the 3rd of 5 action plans in the City's 5 year Consolidated Plan as required by HUD.

2. The plan will lay out how the City will address the housing needs of low to moderate income families, or Households earning less than 80% of Median Family Income (MFI), approximately \$62,250 for a family of four.
3. As part of the action plan, the City is required to develop an end of year report that compares the set goals to actual results from actions to address housing affordability for low to moderate income families.

a2. Architectural Barrier Removal Program

1. This is a free program to assist eligible seniors and people with disabilities. The program is funded by HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to assist in modifying or retrofitting the living quarters of elderly or severely disabled homeowners and renters to make their dwellings more accessible.
2. The program can fund up to \$15,000 in improvements to help homeowners and renters make their dwellings more accessible, functional and safe.
3. In FY 2013-2014 the program assisted 113 home owners and renters.
4. Improvements that can be funded include but are not limited to: accessible ramps, bathroom grab bars, accessible sinks and showers.
5. Eligibility: In order to be eligible for the program, applicants must be over 62 years of age or severely disabled, their dwelling must be located within city limits, and their family household income cannot exceed more than 80% of MFI.
6. How to Apply: Please call 512-974-3100 or visit www.austintexas.gov/housing for more information, applications can be mailed to P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767.

a3. Timeline for Action Plan

1. Early March through May 2nd a Community Needs Assessment will conducted through a series of meetings with the public and the City's Boards and Commissions.
2. May 23rd Draft Action Plan published online for public feedback

a2. Development of Strategic Housing Plan

1. The Austin City Council has asked NHCD to develop a strategic housing plan to address both federal and local funding for housing.
2. There will be a series of 12 meetings, with at least one being held in each Council district to gather public feedback.
3. An online survey is now available on austintexas.gov/housingplan to submit feedback online.
4. Public Comment can also be submitted via email to NHCD@austintexas.gov or via mail: ATTN Action Plan, P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767

B. **MCPD Committee Reports: Motion:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion during the April 8, 2016 MCPD meeting, to move item 4c, MCPD Committee reports as item 4b and to take item 4b the election of MCPD Officers as item 4c. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved. To view the complete MCPD Committee reports please visit the following link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04082016-597> and view item 4C

- b1. Access & Public Policy Committee: No report initial meeting planned.
- b2. Awards and Outreach Committee: Chair Owens briefly summarized to the committee that Disability Mentoring Day and the Job Readiness Seminar are in development.
- b3. Education and Employment Committee: No report initial meeting planned.

C. **Election of MCPD Officers**: To view the complete footage of the MCPD Officer election including commissioners' discussions and voting please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04082016-597> and view item 4A.

- c1. Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion during the April 08, 2016 meeting to nominate the three candidates for MCPD Vice Chair including: Current Vice Chair Robin Orłowski, and Commissioners Chris Masey and Tanya Winters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. All approved.
- c2. Election Results for MCPD Vice Chair: Commissioner Tanya Winters received 5 votes, Commissioner Chris Masey received one vote, and Current MCPD Vice Chair Robin Orłowski withdrew her nomination and voted for Commissioner Tanya Winters, with the final result of 6 votes for Commissioner Winters for the MCPD Vice Chair position.
- c3. Vice Chair Tanya Winters chaired the MCPD Chair election. Current Chair Brian Owens self-nominated himself to the position. There were no other nominations for MCPD Chair.
- c4. Election Results for MCPD Chair: Commissioner Chris Masey made a motion to elect Current Chair Brian Owens as the new MCPD Chair by acclamation. Commissioner Deborah Trejo seconded the motion. All approved.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**: No public hearings were held during the April 08, 2016 meeting.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**: Action items were taken during the April 08, 2016 meeting. Please see items: 4 New Business, 4B MCPD Committee Reports, c1, and c4.

7. **STAFF BRIEFING**: Lee Nguyen and David Ondich. To view Commissioners comments and discussion on the briefing please visit this link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04082016-597> and view items 5A and 5B.

- A. Budget: report: There were no expenses in the month of March leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00.
- B. David Ondich reported to the Committee, that he had communicated with the Human Resources Public Information and Marketing Program Manager on how the MCPD could increase it web presence through social media and the webpage. The Committee provided feedback to David on this initiative. David will have Manager present at a future meeting.
- C. David Ondich reported to the Committee that the MCPD currently has vacancies for Council Member's Houston and Zimmerman to appoint.

Council Member Renteria has made an appointment and that person is in the process to fill one of the three vacancies on the Committee. David answered other questions from Commissioners related to appointments.

- D. David followed up on Mr. Woodley's citizen communication summarizing accommodations for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to attend city meetings. He answered and will follow up on Commissioners' questions; all discussion on this staff item can be viewed by visiting the link above and viewing item 5B.
- E. Calendar Items: Friday May 13, 2016 next MCPD regular meeting

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/04082016-597> and view item 6.

- A. Commissioner Chris Masey would like to add a discussion about the City's designation of HUB or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in the City bidding process and if there is a way for the MCPD to recommend that businesses owned by people with disabilities can be considered under a MWBE designation.
- B. Chair Owens would like to add a presentation from the HRD Public Information and Marketing Manager, on how to expand the MCPD's social media and web presence to as a future agenda.
- C. Community Assessment Report: Commissioner Tanya Winters will report to the Committee at the next meeting.
- D. Commissioner Trejo would like to formalize the appointment MCPD Committee Chairs at the next meeting.
- E. Vice Chair Tanya Winters would like to get a recommendation ready for the City's Sidewalk Master Plan. David will follow up with the Public Works Sidewalk and Special Projects Division and let the Committee know when they will have the plan ready for recommendation.
- F. Commissioner Robin Orłowski would like to hear from the Office of Equity when they are ready to present to the Committee. Commissioner Tanya Winters mentioned that the Joint Inclusion Meeting will be meeting Monday April 11, 2016 and a presentation on the hiring of the Equity Officer will follow the joint inclusion meeting. Commissioner Tanya Winters will stay to attend that meeting and report back to the Committee.

9. ADJOURN – A motion was made to adjourn the April 08, 2016, meeting by Commissioner Deborah Trejo. Vice Chair Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.