

Board and Commission Recommendation

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number 20240322-003

Electronic Community Participation and Information Sharing

Whereas: To be effective AMCPD requires a coordinated way to get information to people with disabilities in the Austin community.

Whereas: Austin has a large but fragmented web of services for various populations within the disability community making it impossible for the AMCPD to collaborate effectively with the population we serve.

Whereas: The AMCPD tried to use personal channels to disseminate an important survey about experiences of transportation and safety, but this resulted in only three responses.

Whereas: Due to lack of opportunities in education, transportation, and a centralized information point, people with disabilities are not currently able to participate or self-advocate in city processes affecting them in any meaningful way.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved the city will update the AMCPD web page to include the following. First a section to highlight ways people with disabilities can participate at the city level. This could include up to date important information, links to surveys, and items of interest relating to city community activities, policy changes, and opportunities to participate in various open comment periods that have an impact on the experience of citizens with disabilities in the Austin community. Second, an opportunity for Austinites with disabilities to enter their email information and the subsequent creation of an email list that can be used by the AMCPD Chair or Vice Chair to communicate important information and opportunities for participation within the Austin community.

Date of Approval: March 22, 2024

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 6-0 vote

For: Vice Chair Meyer, Commissioners Chang, Fetonte, Powell, Ramírez and Salazar

Absent: Chair Franks, Commissioners Hogan and Vassallo

Attest: *Elisabeth Meyer*, Vice Chair