



MEETING AGENDA
FORT WORTH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
March 10, 2022
10:00 AM

In Person

Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods
Conference Room: 201 A/B
818 Missouri Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Videoconference

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Members of the Mayor's Committee on Persons With Disabilities may be attending remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Presiding officer will be present in person.

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of Minutes
 - IV. Community Presentation(s)
 - V. Texas Mail in Ballots Process.....Julie Espinoza, REV-UP Texas Disability Project Board of Directors
 - VI. Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review.....Committee Chairs or Designees
 - Accessibility
 - Community Education and Engagement
 - Awards and Recognition
 - Executive Sub-Committee
 - Consider and take possible action on Sub-Committee Reports

- VII. Staff Report.....Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison
 - COVID-19 Resources
 - Administrative Updates
 - Consider and take possible action on Staff Report
- VIII. Assistant Director's Report.....Angela Rush, Asst. Diversity and Inclusion Director
- IX. Human Relations Commission Liaison Report.....Mike Wyss, HRC Liaison
- X. May MCPD Meeting.....Brandie Wiley, MCPD, Chair
 - Consider and take possible action on Meeting Cancellation
- XI. Announcements by Members - Upcoming and Recent Events
- XII. Future Agenda Items
- XIII. Adjournment

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Janeen S. Howard
City Secretary for the City of Fort Worth, Texas

**Fort Worth Human Relations Commission
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting
February 10, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Members of the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities may be attending remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The presiding officer was present in person.

Alfred Henderson opened the meeting and read a few housekeeping rules.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the members present, the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) Vice-Chair Kevin Medlin called the regular session of the MCPD meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Katten, Steven (V)
Cherry, DeBorah (V)
Wiley, Brandie (V)
Lunt, David (V)
Garcia, Mary (V)
Medlin, Kevin (IP)
Wyss, Mike (IP)
(IP: in-person) (V: virtual)

Absent

Scott, Gregory
Henderson, Jenna
Martinez-Hickman, Dr. Olga

City Staff

Henderson, Alfred (IP)
Linda Tuggle (IP)
Angela Rush (V)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wyss made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021, MCPD meeting with the following corrections; under Roll Call, Mr. Wyss attended virtually. Mr. Katten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Vice-Chair Medlin conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Catherine Huckaby, Deputy Director with the Fort Worth Office of Police Oversight Monitor, provided a presentation on *Building a Stroger Community-Police Relationship Together*. The floor was open for questions.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review ~ Committee Chairs

Accessibility Sub-Committee: Mr. Henderson stated that the subcommittee discussed the following at last week's subcommittee meeting: state laws regarding mail-in ballots & drive-through voting, REVUP representative for an upcoming meeting, and Trinity Metro.

Community Education and Engagement Sub-Committee: Mr. Katten informed MCPD that the Senior Synergy Expo kickoff is on February 18, 2022, and the event is on May 12, 2022.

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: Ms. Cherry reported that the next award nomination submission is the Barbara Jordan (Media) Awards and the deadline is February 23, 2022.

Executive Sub-Committee: No report given.

Staff Report ~ Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison

Mr. Henderson reported the following:

- COVID19 Resources – an email was sent to MCPD with information regarding free home test kits.
- Administrative Updates – members of the executive subcommittee were invited to participate in a survey with Disability Rights Texas regarding the needs of the disability community. Please complete the surveys. New MCPD members need to attend their subcommittee meetings.

Assistant Director's Report ~ Angela Rush, Assistant Diversity & Inclusion Director

Mrs. Rush provided the following upcoming events:

- Black History Month Reception/Open House on February 15, 2022, from 5-7 p.m., outside the City Hall Council Chambers. Some of the local organizations that will be represented at the open house include the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society, Amphibian Stage, Kimbell Art Museum, the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum, and Visit Fort Worth. She also encourages everyone to go to Visit Fort Worth's website, where they have numerous Black History Month events listed.
- City's Redistricting Meetings –
 - February 15, 2022, 9 a.m., City Hall, Room 2020, Special work session to consider changes to initial map and produce the proposed map.
 - February 21, 2022, 6 p.m., Heritage Church, 4201 Heritage Trace Pkwy, City Council conducts four public hearings, one for each pair of existing adjacent districts.
 - February 24, 2022, 6 p.m., Como Community Center, 4660 Horne St., City Council conducts four public hearings, one for each pair of existing adjacent districts.
 - February 28, 2022, 6 p.m., Victory Forest Community Center, 3427 Hemphill St., City Council conducts four public hearings, one for each pair of existing adjacent districts.
 - March 3, 2022, 6 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr Community Center, 5565 Truman Dr., City Council conducts four public hearings, one for each pair of existing adjacent districts.
 - March 22, 2022, 9 a.m., City Hall, Room 2020, City Council conducts special work session to produce final map.
 - March 29, 2022, 10 a.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, City Council adopts final map.
- May 7, 2022 elections – Upcoming elections include the bond package, City Charter election, and District 4 special election.

- Virtual conference for the community to learn about fair employment, fair housing, ADA laws, and more. Staff has not finalized a date yet as we are currently in the preliminary planning stages. She welcomed input from MCPD on proposed topics, speakers, and more.

Employee Recognition:

Mrs. Rush announced that the department has three employee receiving City service pins: Walter Newman for 5 years. Walter serves in the Business Equity Division; Laurie Maniotis for 10 years. Laurie manages the enforcement of Fair Employment laws and handles discrimination complaints in places of public accommodation, and she is receiving a service pin for 20 years.

Human Relations Commission (HRC) Liaison Report ~ Mike Wyss, HRC Liaison

MCPD received a copy of the HRC Report prior to the meeting. Mr. Wyss reported that the next HRC Hybrid Meeting is on March 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Officer Elections ~ Al Henderson, ADA Coordinator

Mr. Henderson opened the nominations for MCPD Chair to the floor and indicated there were two members interested in the position – Kevin Medlin and Brandie Wiley. There was a self-nomination from the floor by DeBorah Cherry. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Henderson closed the nomination. With a ballot vote, Ms. Wiley was elected as Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

Mr. Wyss announced that unfortunately he had to resign from MCPD Chair.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vote to reschedule May's MCPD Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Medlin adjourned the MCPD meeting at 11:19 a.m.