



MEETING AGENDA
FORT WORTH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
July 14, 2022
10:00 AM

In Person

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

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of Minutes
 - IV. Community Presentation(s)
 - V. Program ServicesLea Rowe, Head of Client Services
Lighthouse for the Blind of Ft. Worth
 - 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. Announcements by Members - Upcoming and Recent Events
- XI. Future Agenda Items
- XII. Adjournment

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Jannet S. Hernandez
City Secretary for the City of Fort Worth, Texas

Fort Worth Human Relations Commission
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting
June 9, 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) Chair Brandie Wiley called the regular session of the MCPD meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Wiley, Brandie (IP)
Scott, Gregory (IP)
Lunt, David (V)
Henderson, Jenna (V)
Medlin, Kevin (IP)
Wyss, Mike (IP)
(IP: in-person) (V: virtual)

Absent

Katten, Steven
Garcia, Mary
Martinez-Hickman, Dr. Olga

City Staff

Henderson, Al (IP)
Kennedy, Shameka (IP)
Tuggle, Linda (IP)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wyss made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, MCPD meeting; Mr. Medlin seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Chair Wiley conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Juanita Webber, ADA Compliance Program Administrator with the Texas Department of Transportation, provided a presentation on *Overview of Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan Requirements* (accompanied by David Butkus and Steve Henze, Accessibility Project Managers). The floor was open for questions.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review ~ Committee Chairs

Accessibility Sub-Committee: Ms. Henderson stated that the subcommittee met on May 24th and June 7th to discuss the following goals:

- Continuing to monitor the future Fort Worth City hall regarding accessibility.
- Participate and provide input for the Fort Worth Transition plan.
- Provide input on Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Department projects on matters of accessibility.
- Increase public awareness and representation opportunities with community partners.

- Continue participation with Tarrant County Election Commission and REVUP.
- Promote accessibility enhancements for existing restaurants and commercial businesses in Fort Worth.
- Continue Trinity Metro engagement with the goal of promoting access to viable multi-modal transportation choices that will benefit residents.
- Prioritize learning and informational presentations around technology that increase access to upcoming committee meetings.

Ms. Henderson states that the subcommittee will meet again to solidify goals, create action plans, and make recommendations to decide on. Report concludes.

Community Education and Engagement Sub-Committee: No report given.

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: Mr. Medlin reported that the subcommittee meets next month.

Executive Sub-Committee: No report given.

Staff Report ~ Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison

Mr. Henderson reported the following:

- COVID-19 cases are on the rise and there has been an extension of the declaration of local disaster to August 23, 2022. Stated that the COVID hotline is still active at 817-392-8478 and that resources are also provided by Catholic Charities of Fort Worth.
- COVID-19 Resources – an email was sent to MCPD with information regarding the third round of free at-home test kits.
- New Members of MCPD will be having orientation as available.
- Discussed the success of the Governor’s Committee on Persons with Disabilities event as well as the Senior Synergy Expo.
- Administrative Updates – reminded MCPD to contact Shameka Kennedy if attending the meetings in person. Report concludes.

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

Mr. Henderson stated that Mrs. Rush was not able to attend as she was on an interview panel for one of the departments. She left a statement with the following information for the committee:

- On Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Fort Worth Municipal Court is hosting a Court in the Community/Warrant Forgiveness Event, at the LVTRise Center located at 8201 Calmont Avenue.
- On Sunday, June 19th at 4 p.m., Movies That Matter Latino series with the screening of ‘Building the American Dream’ at the Rose Marine Theater located at 1440 N. Main Street.
- On June 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., City Council Work Session, Christina Brooks will be giving an update on the promotion of CDFI (Community Development Financial Institutions) Friendly Fort Worth.
- An update to Council on the proposed African American Museum and Cultural Center in Fort Worth
- A presentation on Transportation funding needs by Transportation and Public Works.
- On Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the City of Fort Worth is hosting a job fair at the Como Community Center located at 4660 Horne Street.

Mr. Henderson concluded the report by highlighted some of the Juneteenth activities and stated that a full list would be provided. These included:

- On Saturday June 11th at 5 p.m. Ms. Juneteenth Fort Worth Scholarship event at Texas Wesleyan University
- On Saturday June 18th will be Opal Lee's "Walk for Freedom." This will kick-off at Evans Plaza at 1050 Evans Avenue. 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- On Saturday June 18th, Juneteenth Fort Worth Community festival at Panther Island
- On Saturday June 18th, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Lake Como Community Juneteenth Celebration.
- Library will have various Juneteenth activities.

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

MCPD received a copy of the HRC Report prior to the meeting. Mr. Wyss informed MCPD that the next HRC meeting on July 4, 2022 is to be determined due to the holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

Chair Wiley announced the relaunch of the Age Friendly and Dementia Friendly Fort Worth Movement event at the Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County on June 23rd from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Mr. Medlin will be there on behalf of MCPD; other members are welcome to attend. Chair Wiley stated she attended a REVUP National Call. They announced that:

- 30-minute Webinar on grants "tomorrow" at 2 p.m. EST.
- Disability Voting Rights Week training, on June 21st 6:00-7:00 EST. or June 24th 1:00-2:00 p.m. EST. Disability Voting Rights Week is September 12th – 15th.
- Digital organizing workshop on June 22nd 2:00-3:30 EST.
- Disability Votes Summit on June 29th and June 30th from 1:00-4:00 EST.

She stated that she volunteered MCPD to assist the US Vote Foundation with creating a voting resource guide that is state specific on how to vote, voting rules/laws, voting technology, absentee voting, etc. Mr. Scott volunteered to help with this project.

Mr. Wyss provided the following upcoming events: on June 23 from noon-1:00 p.m., CFW Pride event at City Hall, on June 25 at 3 p.m., a Pride event "On the Green Near Southside" and on June 17 at 10 a.m., a webinar that he and Mr. Henderson will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on "Serving Customers with Disabilities." Mr. Henderson will email MCPD the webinar link. Chair Wiley stated that the committee has been invited to a FEMA Regional inter-agency steering committee meeting that will be somewhere between July 26th and 28th. Mr. Wyss and Mr. Medlin have agreed to participate. Mr. Henderson thanks Mr. Wyss and Mr. Scott for being instructors at the Tarrant Transit Alliance Academy and representing MCPD.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Light House for the Blind
Red Cross
Chief of Police

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wyss made a motion to adjourn the MCPD meeting; Mr. Scott seconded the motion. There being no further business, Chair Wiley adjourned the MCPD meeting at 11:31 a.m.