

**Fort Worth Human Relations Commission
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting
October 13, 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.

Chair Brandie Wiley opened the meeting and read a few housekeeping rules.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wiley called the regular session of the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities (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)

Absent

Katten, Steven

City Staff

Henderson, Al (IP)
Rush, Angela (IP)
Kennedy, Shameka (IP)

(IP: in-person) (V: virtual)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wyss made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022, MCPD meeting; Mr. Scott seconded the motion. Chair Wiley conducted a roll call vote to approve the MCPD meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Aimee Hancock addressed her concerns to MCPD regarding her numerous accommodation requests to the apartment management due to her disability. Chair Wiley informed Ms. Hancock that Mr. Henderson or staff will contact her to obtain additional information.

PRESENTATIONS

Marsha Godeaux, Architectural Barriers, Program Specialist for Tx. Dept. of Licensing and Regulation gave a presentation on Texas Accessibility Standard vs ADA. The floor was open to questions.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review ~ Committee Chairs

Accessibility Sub-Committee: Ms. Henderson reported that they are scheduled to meet next week. Chair Wiley stated that Mike Wyss, Al Henderson, Christina Brooks, and herself attended the new City Hall Chambers groundbreaking and were pleased to see a very specified area for those with disabilities. Mike Wyss attended the IDD Awards and represented MCPD.

Community Education and Engagement Sub-Committee: Mr. Lunt informed MCPD that the subcommittee have not met, but they have a meeting scheduled for November 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Wiley stated that they will have to reschedule the November 14th meeting. Chair Wiley announced that on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. is the White Cane Safety Day Walk; Mr. Medlin will attend the event. Mr. Henderson will provide additional information to MPD. Chair Wiley stated that Mr. Wyss, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lunt, and she attended The Lighthouse for the Blind Event, a mural dedication ceremony. MCPD was mentioned during their remarks.

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: Mr. Medlin requested MCPD to begin considering nominations for the Danny Scarth Trailblazer Award. The application deadline is December 1, 2022. He provided the following criteria to be considered for the award:

- Reside in the City limits of Fort Worth
- Contribution must have a demonstrated impact in Fort Worth
- Volunteer-only activity

He concluded his report by requesting MCPD to provide him with the candidate's information and he will fill out the necessary paperwork.

Executive Sub-Committee: Chair Wiley announced that the subcommittee will meet to discuss revisions on the MCPD bylaws, date TBD.

Staff Report ~ Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison

Mr. Henderson reported the following:

- COVID-19 Resources: Mr. Henderson informed MCPD that the Tarrant County local disaster was extended to November 15, 2022. He will send additional information regarding Flu shots locations.
- Administrative Updates: This month was the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, Lex Frieden (Employment) Awards winner for Governor's Trophy Award was Ms. Bobbie Hodges, Senior Director of Workforce Development for Goodwill North Central Texas. MCPD received an Employment Awareness Month proclamation from the Governor. Mr. Henderson announced that October 22, 2022, is a Municipal Courts event, "Court in the Community/Warrant Forgiveness," contact Suzanne Richards at 817-392-2591 for more information.

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

Mrs. Rush provided a brief report on the following:

- Manager of Civil Rights Enforcement in our Housing division will be retiring from the City after more than 23 years of service on December 3. The position will be posted in the next 4 weeks.
- The City's Office of the Police Oversight Monitor has a survey out on the City website that they are encouraging residents to take. The survey information collected will help them evaluate and improve community-police relationships in the City of Fort Worth. https://ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8eUtO3AWINo5SRf
- Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference, which is being held on November 14-15. At the conference, there will be sessions on disability rights, reasonable accommodations in employment and the interactive process, Fair Housing, and more. The flyer that was shared with you has a registration link or a QR code that individuals can use to register. Registration is limited, she encourages individuals to register as soon as possible. <https://cfwfairhousingcivilrights.eventbrite.com>

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

MCPD received a copy of the HRC Report prior to the meeting. Mr. Wyss noted that due to quorum the HRC monthly meeting was rescheduled to November 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Chair Wiley suspend the by-laws and delayed the election, Mr. Scott made a motion to approve and Mr. Wyss seconded the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

Mr. Medlin announced that the Fort Worth Tarrant Transit Alliance, Trinity Metro clean-up event on this Saturday from 7 am – 11 am. Starts at La Gran shopping center and to Sycamore School Road. The MCPD team will meet at 8 am. He requests for volunteers send him an email with their t-shirt sizes. Mr. Scott announced that early voting is from October 24th – November 4th, and Election Day is on November 8th. Free transportation to the polls; reservation through Trinity Metro.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Revisit Bylaws
Special Olympics
Envision Center of Fort Worth

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Medlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Wyss seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.