

**Fort Worth Human Relations Commission  
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting  
April 14, 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 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Katten, Steven (IP)  
Wiley, Brandie (IP)  
Scott, Gregory (IP)  
Lunt, David (IP)  
Henderson, Jenna (V)  
Medlin, Kevin (IP)  
Martinez-Hickman, Dr. Olga (V)  
Wyss, Mike (IP)

**Absent**

Garcia, Mary

**City Staff**

Rush, Angela (V)  
Henderson, Al (IP)  
Kennedy, Shameka (IP)  
Tuggle, Linda (IP)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved during the Resolution Ratifying Actions.

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTIONS**

Mr. Henderson read an email from the City Secretary's Office regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act on Resolution Ratifying Actions. Mr. Katten motioned to accept the MCPD minutes from September 1, 2021, to March 18, 2022, as presented. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, with no further discussion, Chair Wiley conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried with 6-1 vote and one abstention.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Lauren King, Executive Director with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, provided a presentation on *Update on Homelessness Spring 2022*. The floor was open for questions.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

*Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review ~ Committee Chairs*

Accessibility Sub-Committee: Chair Wiley stated that the subcommittee have scheduled to meet in April.

Community Education and Engagement Sub-Committee: Mr. Katten announced that Senior Synergy Expo is on May 12, 2022. Mr. Henderson added that he has completed the vendor/volunteer registration.

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: Mr. Henderson stated that the MCPD nominee submission won the (Governor's Committee on People with Disability) Barbra Jordan Media Award, and the award presentation is on April 27.

Executive Sub-Committee: Chair Wiley reported the following revised standing subcommittee and requested each subcommittee to begin working on their goals for the year:

- Accessibility
  - Jenna Henderson, Lead
  - Greg Scott
  - Mike Wyss
- Community Education and Engagement
  - David Lunt, Lead
  - Dr. Olga Martinez-Hickman
  - Steven Katten
  - Brandie Wiley
- Awards and Recognition
  - Kevin Medlin, Lead
  - Mary Garcia
  - Mike Wyss
- Executive
  - Jenna Henderson
  - David Lunt
  - Kevin Medlin

***Staff Report ~ Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison***

Mr. Henderson reported the following:

- COVID19 Resources – test kits are available at no cost. Mr. Henderson will email the committee regarding second booster vaccination.
- Administrative Updates – Mr. Henderson requested MCPD to contact Mrs. Kennedy for any changes to their contact information and reminded them that Mrs. Kennedy is newly assigned to MCPD as the administrative staff support. Mr. Henderson conducted a show of hands survey of those who would like to meet in person or continue to meet hybrid; six voted in person, one voted either way, and one voted hybrid. He requested new MCPD members to complete the Texas Open Meetings Act training as soon as possible. He announced that the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities has selected Fort Worth to host its member's meeting. Meeting location to be determined. Please provide any impute to the Texas Department of Transportation Transition Plan via their email. Mr. Henderson will provide dates for the upcoming Diversity & Inclusion Department's Housing and Employment training regarding ADA.

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

Ms. Rush reported the following upcoming events and organization updates:

- 2022 Bond election and thirteen proposed amendments to the City Charter. Both items will be on the May 7 ballot. The three meetings are:
- April 20, from 6-8 pm, McDonald YMCA, 2701 Moresby Street
- April 23, from 10 am to Noon, Handley Meadowbrook Community Center, 6201 Beaty Street
- April 25, from 6-8 pm, Rockwood Park Golf Clubhouse, 1851 Jacksboro Hwy.
- The comment period is open for the Mobility 2045 update until May 31. Mobility 2045 is a multimodal blueprint of transportation system improvements scheduled through 2045 in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. To view the Mobility 2045 plan, go to the North Central Texas Council of Government's website at nctcog.org, click on Transportation then Plan, Studies, and Reports.
- The enforcement division has been seeing an increase in housing complaints, and since the last MCPD meeting, a housing complaint based on disability settled for more than \$10,000. The housing complaint involved denial of reserved parking space for a resident with a mobility-related disability. The Respondent(s) stated that they don't offer reserved spaces for anyone, which is a violation of the Fair Housing Act in regards to requests for reasonable accommodations.

Mr. Henderson will email the Assistant Director's Report to the MCPD.

***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 April's HRC meeting was canceled and he invited them to the next HRC Hybrid Meeting on May 1 at 5:30 p.m.

***May MCPD Meeting ~ Committee Chair***

Mr. Wyss motioned to cancel May's MCPD meeting allowing MCPD to attend the Senior Synergy Expo. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion, with no further discussion, Chair Wiley conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS**

None given.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Accessibility  
City Attorney – bylaw updates  
Red Cross

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lunt made a motion to adjourn the MCPD meeting, and Mr. Medlin seconded the motion; with no further discussion, Chair Wiley adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.