



MEETING AGENDA
FORT WORTH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
April 8, 2021
10:00 AM

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of Minutes
 - IV. Community Presentation(s)
 - V. Meals on Wheels Seniors and Disabilities Client Operations..... Marcus Rockwell and Kelly Pylant
 - VI. Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review.....Committee Chairs
 - 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. Community Engagement and Programs Report.....Veronica Villegas, Diversity and Inclusion Manager
- X. Human Relations Commission Liaison Report.....Mike Wyss, HRC Liaison
- XI. Recognition of Chair Rainey Dock Matthews.....Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison
- XII. Announcements by Members - Upcoming and Recent Events
- XIII. Future Agenda Items
- XIV. Adjournment

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Mary J. Kaiser

City Secretary for the City of Fort Worth, Texas

**Fort Worth Human Relations Commission
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting
March 11, 2021
Public Hearing 10:00 a.m.**

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities regular scheduled meeting was conducted by videoconference and/or teleconference in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and the provisions provided by the Governor of Texas in conjunction with the Declaration of Disaster enacted on March 13, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present

Cherry, DeBorah
Wiley, Brandie
Scott, Gregory
Matthews, Rainey Dock
Medlin, Kevin
Wyss, Mike

Absent

Katten, Steven
Ireland, Matthew

City Staff

Rush, Angela
Henderson, Al
Tuggle, Linda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Cherry made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021, MCPD meeting; Mr. Wyss seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Mr. Henderson conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried with 6-0 vote.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Ron Lucey, Executive Director with the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, presented an overview and updates on the services they provide. A copy of the presentation was received for filing.

The floor was opened for questions.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review ~ Committee Chairs

Accessibility Sub-Committee: Mr. Scott reported the following from their March 8th subcommittee meeting:

- Implementing goals for the subcommittee
- Engagement during MCPD meetings specifically during presentations
- COVID19 – transportation
- TTA (board) member alternate
- REVUP – registering individuals to vote
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Community Education and Engagement Sub-Committee: Chair Matthews spoke briefly on NUSA (Neighborhood USA) virtual conference on May 19-22, 2021, and requested for volunteers, MCPD & the public, to contact Mr. Henderson. She concluded her report announcing that the Senior Synergy event will resume on July 1, 2021.

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: Ms. Cherry reported that the subcommittee submitted the following nominees for the Barbara Jordan Media Award on behalf of MCPD:

- *Howdy Homemade Ice Cream*, an ice cream shop in Dallas that employs adults with special needs (article by Erin Jones at CBSN DFW)
- “*Don’t Give Up*”, Zach Briseno a recent graduate from the Fort Worth Police Academy who’s an Iraq War Vet amputee. He is the 2nd double amputee in the nation to become a police officer. (article by Scott Gordon at NBCDFW)

Executive Sub-Committee: no report given due to technical difficulties. However, the written report will be emailed to MCPD. The written report was received for filing.

Staff Report ~ Al Henderson, ADA Coordinator

Mr. Henderson reported on the following -

- COVID-19 Resources: He continues to send information to memberships and our database. As a result of the Race and Culture Task Force recommendations, the Human Relations Commission (HRC) discussed ways to reach the underserved community regarding vaccination during a presentation by representatives from the city (City of Fort Worth) and the county (Tarrant County Health). A copy of the presentation will be emailed to MCPD.
- Administrative Updates: The City of Fort Worth still requires masks to be worn when entering any city facility. Kenny Smith, D&I staff, has taken a position with the Police Oversight Department and his last day with our department is March 23, 2021.

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

Mrs. Rush announced that due to Kenny Smith, Employment Investigator, leaving Angelica Ramirez, Housing Investigator, will be transitioning from the housing team to the employment team. She has been with the city for 26 years and began her career as an employment investigator. Staff will be sending bundles of our new brochure, about 4,500 copies, to CFW Community Centers, Libraries, Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber, Black Metropolitan Chamber, Business Assistance Center, Fort Worth Housing Authority, Minority Advisory Council, Human Relation Commissioners, MCPD members, and the Justice of the Peace Courts. The brochures has information regarding services provided by the department, the commission and committees under the department’s purview.

Community Engagement and Programs Report ~ Veronica Villegas, Diversity and Inclusion Manager

No report given.

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

MCPD received a copy of the HRC Report prior to the meeting. Mr. Wyss added that he is the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Chair of the Race and Culture Task Force and requested any concerns/recommendations be sent to Mr. Henderson. The next HRC monthly meeting is on April 5th at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

Presented after Future Agenda Items. Chair Matthews provided a list of upcoming events and briefly announced the following:

- NUSA Conference May 19–22, 2021
- Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities - quarterly meeting April 7-8, 2021
- COVID-19 Vaccines and People with Disabilities Q&A important links
- TTA Mayoral Candidate Forum March 30, 2021
- Trinity Metro - Free rides to vaccine site

She concluded announcing her resignation from the Fort Worth Mayor’s Committee on Persons with Disabilities effective April 30, 2021. Mr. Henderson informed MCPD that a presentation for Madam Chair will be presented at next month’s MCPD meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presented before Announcements, Upcoming and Recent Events.

Access Functional Needs Subcommittee

Visibility Ordinance Webinar

Chase Bearden with Disability Texas

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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