



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

3:00 PM

City Hall Staff Conference Room

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CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jennifer Scott (ARP1, CVI)

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Melanie Gomez (PSA1)

SECRETARY

Jennifer Gracia (ENG1)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo (CVI¹)

Open (ARP1, PSA)

Olivia Allan (ARP2, ENG2)

Imelda Trevino (PSA2)

Jennifer Mirabel (PSA)

Dirk Hillard (CVI²)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Nora Vargas – Neighborhood Svcs.

Sergio Gonzalez – Parks & Rec.

Mai Bernal – Engineering Services

Michael Dice – Development Svcs.

Ricardo Rodriguez – CCPD

A. Call To Order

Chairperson Dr. Jennifer Scott called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

B. Moment of Reflection

Moment of reflection was conducted.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to hybrid meeting.

D. Roll Call

Chairperson Dr. Jennifer Scott called the roll and verified that a quorum was met to conduct the meeting.

Members Present: Dr. Jennifer Scott, Melanie Gomez, Jennifer Gracia, Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo, Olivia Allan, Jennifer Mirabal, Imelda Trevino (late)

Members Absent: Dirk Hillard

Staff Present: Nora Vargas, Sergio Gonzalez, Mai Bernal, Michael Dice, Ricardo Rodriguez

E. Public Comment

Daisy Reyes spoke regarding the iCan Shine Bike Camp. The event is July 18-22, 2022 and volunteers are needed.

F. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

[22-1193](#) Approval of the May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Olivia Allan made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Jennifer Mirabal. The Minutes were approved.

Dirk Hillard requested an excused absence and Imelda Trevino requested an excused tardy. Dr. Anthony Zocolillo made a motion to approve the excused absence and tardy, seconded by Olivia Allan. The requests were approved.

G. Presentations (limited to 10 minutes)

[22-1190](#) Joy Lopez – Texas Workforce Commission

Ms. Lopez did not attend.

[22-1191](#) Shirin - I Bike CC

Shirin Delsooz- Director of IBike CC, spoke to the committee about protected bike pathways, and spoke about her organization. She also spoke about the importance of safe public transit and how it directly affects people with disabilities. She shared her website, a visual presentation and access to surveys. Delsooz also discussed District 5, Staples and Saratoga, also the Federal Highway Administration design guides for protected bike paths and inclusive transit needs. Add as a discussion item for next agenda

[22-1192](#) Hunter Coleman – ImmTrac Specialist

Mr. Coleman did not attend.

H. Staff Reports for the period**1. [22-0910](#) Neighborhood Services - ADA Activity Report**

Nora Vargas introduced the new Director of Neighborhood Services, Linda Stewart. Stephanie Garcia provided the ADA activity report for the month of May and June. Four reports were made for damaged sidewalks and one for limited ADA parking at an apartment complex.

2. [22-1194](#) Development Services Dept.-Department Overview impacting Persons with Disabilities

Michael Dice did not have anything to report.

3. [22-1195](#) Engineering Services-Updates on Engineering Project(s) impacting Persons with Disabilities

Mai Bernal did not have anything to report. Dr. Anthony Zocolillo asked Ms. Bernal about bike and pedestrian paths upgraded on Gollihar Road. There was further discussion regarding bike and pedestrian paths.

4. [22-1196](#) Parks and Recreation Dept.- Updates on Accessibility Services & Programs, Master Park Planning Efforts

Sergio Gonzalez did not have anything to report.

5. [22-1197](#) CCPD Parking Control- ADA Citation Report

Ricardo Rodriguez provided the number of citations for the month of June. Citations included 137 disabled parking violations, 12 blocking the architectural design, and 40 blocking the sidewalk. For the month of May, 182 citations were issued for disabled parking violations, 9

blocking the architectural design and 48 blocking the sidewalk.

I. Subcommittee Reports

1. [22-0912](#) Engineering Subcommittee (ENG) - Activity Updates

Jennifer Gracia reported that she did assess the intersection of Killarmet and Schanen, where the crosswalks are not ADA compliant. This follow up was due to a complaint received in April. Ms. Gracia also requested a copy of the City's ADA Transitional Plan of 2013.

2. [22-1198](#) Public Service Announcement Subcommittee (PSA)- Activity updates, social media updates, voting PSA

Melanie Gomez did not have anything to update.

3. [22-1199](#) Accessible Recreation Playgrounds Subcommittee (ARP)- Activity updates

No update provided.

4. [22-1200](#) Community Volunteer Involvement (CVI)- Activity Updates-Driscoll Hospital Toy Drive

Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo provided additional information regarding the Driscoll Children's Hospital toy drive. Dr. Zoccolillo recommended that the dates for the drive be changed to the middle of August through the middle of September. No members were opposed to the change in collection dates.

J. Chairperson's Report

1. [22-0913](#) Round Table Discussion: (Possible Action Taken)

1.1 [22-1203](#) City Survey Project- Receive and Discuss project updates (Discussion, Recommendations)

Dr. Jennifer Scott reported that she is waiting on the City Attorney to finalize the wording on the survey.

1.2 [22-1204](#) Close Caption Project-Receive and discuss project updates (Discussion, Recommendations)

Jennifer Gracia reported she and Dirk are still working on creating a social media page regarding the project and hope to have it up and running by August.

1.3 [22-1205](#) Committee Workshop-Initial Discussion and planning

Dr. Jennifer Scott advised that since Christina Buttler has resigned, she needs another member to assist with the planning of the workshop. Jennifer Mirabal offered to assist and Olivia Allen agreed to assist if needed, as well.

1.4 [22-1206](#) Grants for ADA Compliance Issues or Capital Fundraiser- Initial Discussion and planning

Dr. Jennifer Scott wanted to discuss this item since it has come up in several meetings. She is looking for a member to do research on funding or grants that might help with compliance issues that may not be addressed through bond projects. Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo offered to start the research process.

1.5 [22-1207](#) Committee Events- Initial discussion about what we will attend and what we will be doing

Dr. Jennifer Scott and Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo want to determine what events committee members will be attending on a regular basis and what exactly we will be doing during these events. There was discussion of the new logo and getting it approved by the City so that informational items can be made for distribution. Dr. Scott agreed to create a new brochure, highlighting the committee and its mission. Jennifer Gracia will reach out to her colleague who assisted her with creating the new logo and send it to Nora Vargas. Ms. Gracia also suggested assisting the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center with a shoe drive. It will be added to next month's agenda for discussion. There was discussion regarding the ADA's anniversary and any upcoming events or proclamations. Mai Bernal did speak on the 2013 ADA Transitional Plan and shared that the latest plan was from 2016, that committee members are to work as advisory board with their councilman about the curb ramps being installed. Nora Vargas stated that she had been told there is a certain process to go through while trying to reach/ work with city councilmen, she would send out emails to committee members. The committee also spoke about contacting someone at CBCIL to see if they are going to celebrate the Anniversary of the ADA, or have another proclamation reading. Imelda Trevino shared that the hashtag #thankstotheADA will be implemented on some social media campaigns to recognize the anniversary.

1.6 [22-1208](#) Committee Resignations

Dr. Jennifer Scott advised the committee that Christina Buttler has resigned and therefore a vacancy needs to be filled. Committee members discussed possible recommendations to fill the vacancy. Committee members recommended Angela Brengman and Ruby Hernandez.

K. Future Agenda Items

Further discussion regarding protected bike paths, a shoe drive to benefit CCSSLC and committee brochures, shirts and logo approval will be added to next month's agenda. Dr. Jennifer Scott reminded members that effective immediately, all future meetings will be in person.

L. Adjournment

Melanie Gomez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jennifer Mirabal. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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