



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

3:00 PM

City Hall Chambers

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#### CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Jennifer Scott (ARP1, CVI)

#### VICE CHAIRPERSON

Melanie Gomez (PSA1)

#### SECRETARY

Jennifer Gracia (ENG1)

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo (CVI<sup>1</sup>)

Open (ARP1, PSA)

Olivia Allan (ARP2, ENG2)

Imelda Trevino (PSA2)

Jennifer Mirabel (PSA)

Dirk Hillard (CVI<sup>2</sup>)

#### 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 conducted.

#### 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, Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo, Olivia Allan, Imelda Trevino

**Members Absent:** Dirk Hillard, Jennifer Gracia, Jennifer Mirabal

**Staff Present:** Nora Vargas, Jennifer Buxton, Stephanie Garcia, Sergio Gonzalez, Mai Bernal, Ricardo Rodriguez

#### E. Public Comment

No public comments.

**F. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences****1. [22-1367](#) Approval of the July 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

Dirk Hillard, Jennifer Gracia and Jennifer Mirabel requested an excused absence. Melanie Gomez made a motion to approve the excused absences, seconded by Olivia Allan. The requests were approved.

**G. Presentations (limited to 10 minutes)**

Vanessa Vera – Texas Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehab Services

Vanessa Vera, Business Relations Coordinator for Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWC-VRS), provided information regarding the VRS program. This program helps people with disabilities prepare for, enter, engage in, or advance in competitive employment. The program also helps businesses and employers recruit, retain and accommodate employees with disabilities. Ms. Vera also provided contact information, brochures and flyers for a variety of services that are offered.

Lori Garcia – Texas Health & Human Services

Lori Garcia, Volunteer Services Council (VSC) Manager and Community Relations Director for Texas Health & Human Services, provided information regarding the VSC of the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center (CCSSLC). Kelsey Mitchell, Assistant Director of Community Relations, assisted Ms. Garcia with the presentation. The VSC serves as a fundraising organization for CCSSLC since funds are limited by the State. Board members serve as liaisons between CCSSLC and the community. Ms. Garcia provided information regarding projects and initiatives as well as ways to help the VSC. Ms. Garcia also provided additional information regarding services and activities they offer for their residents.

**H. Staff Reports**

Neighborhood Services – ADA Activity Report

Stephanie Garcia reported a resident reporting a gentleman in a wheelchair traveling in the street due to no sidewalks in the area of Blevins and Naples. The Infrastructure Management Plan map was reviewed and determined that area will be rehabilitated in 2026. Ms. Garcia also reported a concern from a resident regarding an unlevel transition from the street to a driveway at 5014 Wingfoot due to a recent construction project. This is causing a barrier for her husband who is utilizing a power wheelchair. She advised that Mai Bernal investigated the complaint.

Development Services Dept. – Department Overview Impacting Persons with Disabilities  
No updated.

Engineering Services – Updates on Engineering Project(s) Impacting Persons with Disabilities

Mai Bernal provided a report from her investigation of 5014 Wingfoot. The resident is utilizing the driveway of another resident to access the sidewalk in that neighborhood. After further investigation, it was determined that recent maintenance work was done to repair pot holes and additional asphalt created an uneven surface from the street to the sidewalk. It was determined that this was a failed curb and gutter and as the street gets rebuilt it would have to be made ADA compliant at that time.

Parks and Recreation Dept. – Updates on Accessibility Services & Programs, Master Park Planning Efforts

Sergio Gonzalez introduced the new Assistant Director, Tyler Florence. Mr. Gonzalez also advised of an upcoming misting fan giveaway at Broadmoor Senior Center on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Also, cooling centers are being provided during a heat advisory and RTA provides free transportation to those centers.

**CCPD Parking Control – ADA Citation Report**

Ricardo Rodriguez provided the number of citations for the month of July. Citations included 160 disabled parking violations, 20 blocking the architectural design, and 19 blocking the sidewalk.

**I. Subcommittee Reports****Engineering Subcommittee (ENG) – Activity Updates, Protected Bike Paths**

No update.

**Public Service Announcement Subcommittee (PSA) – Activity Updates, Social Media Updates, Voting PSA**

Melanie Gomez is doing research regarding the voting PSA. No other updates.

**Accessible Recreation Playgrounds Subcommittee (ARP) – Activity Updates**

No update.

**Community Volunteer Involvement (CVI) – Activity Updates, Driscoll Hospital Toy Drive**

Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo confirmed the dates for the Driscoll Children's Hospital toy drive will be August 15 through September 15. The list of donation items will be distributed to committee members. Items can be stored at Choice Living Community, if need be. A date to drop off donations to Driscoll will be determined at the next meeting. Dr. Zoccolillo also reported that the annual C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) event that is usually hosted in September has been scheduled for October this year. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

**J. Chairperson's Report****Round Table Discussion – Brochure, Shirts**

Dr. Jennifer Scott reported that Melanie Gomez found an old brochure for the committee and Dr. Scott will work on updating it and presenting it to the committee next month. Jennifer Buxton advised that she would check the budget for printing brochures. Dr. Scott asked committee members for their thoughts on shirts. The members would like shirts made with the new logo. Jennifer Gracia will need to provide an update on if the changes of the logo have been made. Dr. Scott also mentioned the committee picture and if submitting individual pictures to create a collage for the meantime would be an option.

**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. Dr. Scott asked Nora Vargas to follow up with the City Attorney.

**Closed Caption Project – Receive and Discuss Project Updates, Facebook Page (Discussion, Recommendations)**

No update.

**Committee Workshop – Continue Planning**

No update.

**Grants for ADA Compliance Issues or Capital Fundraiser – Update on Progress**

Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo reported finding a few avenues for corporate funding of community grants if they fall under the certain guidelines. Verizon was one of those avenues and Dr. Zoccolillo did reach out to a community representative. Walmart is another avenue but offers small grants. The Meadows Foundation would be a nice fit; however, they typically offer larger grants. Lastly, the Moody Foundation was another option. Dr. Zoccolillo can get additional information if needed. Dr. Scott asked Mai Bernal for additional information on how the grant process works. Jennifer Buxton advised that the committee does not have the ability to apply for, appropriate or spend funds on behalf of the City but we are welcome to make a resolution to City Council with a recommendation that the City apply for those funds. She further explained the process for items such as this. Ms. Buxton recommended that the City Attorney's office attend the next meeting and explain how some of these items work and proper procedures.

Committee Events – Continued Discussion on Events to Attend, Shoe Drive, Future ADA Celebrations, C.A.S.T., Walk & Roll  
Did not discuss.

New Committee Members

Dr. Jennifer Scott announced Angela Brengman and the new committee member and will be attending the next meeting.

**K. Future Agenda Items**

Presentation from the City Attorney's office and voting on committee shirts and brochure will be added to next month's agenda. Dr. Zoccolillo asked if any members could get information regarding the Walk & Roll event. Melanie Gomez offered to reach out to a contact.

**L. Adjournment**

Dr. Anthony Zoccolillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melanie Gomez. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m

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