



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

3:00 PM

City Hall City Council Chambers

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The committee for persons with disabilities is hereby established for the purpose of carrying on a program to encourage, assist, and enable persons with disabilities to participate in the social and economic life of the city; to achieve maximum personal independence; to become gainfully employed; and to enjoy fully and use all public and private facilities available within the community. (Ord. No. 24364, § 1, 2-13-2001)

A. Call To Order

Chairperson Dr. Jennifer Scott called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

B. Moment of Reflection

Conducted

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Conducted

D. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Vice Chair Melanie R. Gomez, Angela Brengman, Ashley Voggt, Kelsey Dahlbeck, Sandra Flores, Olivia Allan, and Jennifer Scott

Absent: 1 - Imelda Trevino

E. Public Comment

None

F. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [23-0652](#) Approval of the March 01, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes MAR 2023](#)

A motion was made that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

G. Staff Reports

a. Neighborhood Services: Stephanie Garcia reported on six ADA calls plus one ADA update. The first call was located at 3534 Lynwood. The caller wanted a curb ramp built on Surrey Lane and Lynwood Lane. The address was not on the 5-year Infrastructure Map (IMP) to be reconstructed and brought up to standards. The second call was regarding the Art Walk downtown. The caller stated the scooters were parked in the ADA spots or the architectural improvement areas. NSD staff contacted Downtown Management District (DMD) and finance to make sure the third party does not park the scooters in those areas. NSD staff also advised that citizens could call 311 on the app or City's website to report the scooter violation. Third call was located at 4302 Yucatan. The caller wanted a curb ramp built for her mom. CCISD was handling the reconstruction of the curb ramps in that area. Not a city project. Advised caller to contact CCISD. The fourth call was located at 2600 Ocean Drive (Cole Park). The number count was amended from the last meeting and the park required seven parking spaces with two needing to be van accessible. Parks and Recreation installed two ADA signs by the playground. Fifth call was located at 3231 South Alameda at the Freedom Fitness. The call was referred by Parking Enforcement. On-site was conducted and the property needed five ADA accessible parking. The property only had one ADA accessible parking. Compliance letter has been mailed out with a resolution plan needed by April 24, 2023. The sixth call was located at the Black Sheep Bistro. The caller mentioned there was not a ramp to get into the restaurant. Pending to be investigated to get further information on ADA accessible entry ways. Seventh call was located at the Lithia Dodge on Staples Street. New cars were being parked in the ADA accessible parking spots. Conducted on-site but need to seek further information on car dealerships and parking. Melanie Gomez questioned to see if Parks and Recreation were going to make the architectural improvements to the ground. NSD staff stated they will get with Parks and Recreation.

b. Development Services – No Update.

c. Engineering – Mai Bernal reported on upcoming projects for Engineering. FM 624 to Word River is going into construction in April or May of 2023. Ms. Bernal provided the costs of \$365,137.50 to construct and make improvements to 22,000 square feet of sidewalks and 20 accessible ramps. Ms. Bernal also report on Trinity River from FM 624 to Wood River. Cost for the project is \$210,000 with approximately 8,296 square feet of sidewalks.

d. CCPD Parking Enforcement: Ricardo Rodriguez reported on the ADA Citation report. There were 147 citations for disabled parking, 7 citations were issued for blocking architectural design, and 111 for blocking sidewalk. Mr. Rodriguez reported they are looking to add another officer during the whole week for ADA. The high numbers were due to spring break.

H. Presentations

1. CCRTA – Jeremy Sirio and Derek reported on the Go Pass Mobile Update. Once a driver downloads the app, they can select what agency they would like to use the Go Pass app for. They can select various cities that the Go pass is included with, which provides greater access for their transit needs. Individuals that use this CCRTA transit system can now plan their trip in real time. They can plan it based on time and on location. The app uses GPS to find nearby stops, how the stops are nearby, and upcoming departure times. May also purchase passes on the app. App also includes rider alerts (under announcements). When a rider boards, the rider shows the bus operator their phone/pass and the bus operator keys it in and the rider is good to go. Dr. Scott asked if riders could schedule their B-line routes on the app. Derek stated there is a separate app they are working on for riders to schedule their routes. Olivia asked for special events that the bus ride is free, will this option be listed on the app. Derek stated they could add features with the city, County, or other businesses. Melanie Gomez asked if they need the actual pass on their screen or would a screenshot suffice. Jeremy stated yes, the rider needs to have their phone with them with the pass to show it in real time as an active pass.

2. Special Olympics – Abbie James and Sebastian Rodriguez reported on the Special Olympics and how to get involved. The Special Olympics is a year-round sports competition and athletic training in a variety of Olympic style sports for individuals such as adults and children with intellectual disabilities. The organization can give these athletes an opportunity to grow personal and fitness health, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and also have the athletes show their skills and gifts to their family and friends. Abbie reported on their calendar for upcoming events on April 13th, April 22nd, May 5th, May 6th, and May 18th to the 20th for the Summer Games in San Antonio which be held at Hero Stadium. Abbie stated the athletes become employed afterwards, as opposed to 28% of individuals with intellectual Disabilities who do not participate in our organization. They encourage anyone to reach out and get involved.

I. Committee Liason Reports

1. T-shirts – Dr. Scott stated to the new members to send their size to the CFPWD Liaison via e-mail.

J. Chairperson's Report

Round Table Discussion

1. Closed-Caption Project – No update – pending information from CFPWD Liaison.
2. Committee Workshop – No update.
3. Protected Bike Paths – No update – pending next steps for resolution plan from CFPWD Liaison.
4. Adding Events and speaking engagements to the calendar – Dr. Scott notified the new members about the event calendar.
5. New Committee members – Dr. Ashley Voggt, Kelsey Dahlbeck, and Sandra Flores

made an introduction as new committee members.

6. New subcommittee assignments – Dr. Scott will provide the new assignments at next month's meeting.

K. New Business

2. [23-0653](#) New Committee Secretary

•New Committee Secretary. Angela Brengman stated she was interested. Olivia Allen stated she recommends Angela; Olivia Allen made a motion/Second Melanie Gomez

L. Subcommittee Reports

- Engineering Subcommittee (ENG) – Two intersections – Flour Bluff Drive and Co drive? Received a write up from a nurse Olivia Allen works with. The write up stated there are no cross walks at Purdue and Flour Bluff Drive. Children are unable to cross the street to get to school because of rush hour. Half of Flour Bluff Drive does not have sidewalks and kids are riding their bikes on the busy street or in the grass. Multiple accidents due to no lights (no arrow). Olivia Allen also reported on Whitecap Boulevard. Olivia Allan gave information to Mai Bernal.
- Public Service Announcement Subcommittee (PSA) – no update -MG WAITING ON CITY.
- Accessible Recreation Playgrounds Subcommittee (ARP) – no update.
- Community Volunteer Involvement (CVI) – no update.

M. Future Agenda Items

- Subcommittees Assignments
- Engineering update on intersections (FB Drive, CO Drive, Purdue Road, Whitecap)?
- Public comment to be held virtual for those that are unable to come in in-person.

N. Adjournment

Melanie Gomez motioned to adjourn/ Olivia Allan second at 3:49 p.m.

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