

Committee on Persons with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities convened in a meeting via video/teleconference on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 3:01 p.m. in the City Council Work Session room at 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Val Vera, and members Sally Austin, Tamera Beckham, Alison Kelly, Rex King, Val Morgan, Sonia Redwine, Joe Rivas

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Cronig – Deputy City Attorney, Tiffany Thompson – Director Human Resources and John Nelson - Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Beth Haswell-Kirkby, Sam Alphonse, John Wier

STAFF PRESENT: Ryan Adams, Jennifer Becker, Brian Jahn, Becky Owens, Tammy Peal

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CPD20-025 Consider the approval of the meeting minutes of September 17, 2020.

Rex King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Joe Rivas seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

AYES (7): Chair Vera, Board Members: Austin, Beckham, King, Rivas, Morgan, Redwine

NAYS (0): None

B. CPD20-024 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the library virtual programming services.

Jennifer Becker, Director of Libraries presented on Virtual Programming and ask the committee for their input or suggestions on ease of access as they continue to serve the community.

Discussion followed no action was taken.

C. CPD20-026 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the City of Denton's Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives.

John Nelson, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer shared the city's implementation of diversity efforts and goals for the future.

Discussion followed no action was taken.

Item For Consideration E was moved ahead of item D.

E. CPD20-028 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the implementation of the ALL-WAY CROSSING at the downtown intersections of Oak at Elm, Oak at Locust, Hickory at Elm, and Hickory at Locust.

Brian Jahn, City Traffic Engineer presented implementation of the ALL-WAY CROSSING. Discussion followed no action was taken.

D. CPD20-027 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and make a recommendation regarding the use and funding of closed captioning for certain City of Denton public meetings.

Ryan Adams, Director of Public Affairs and Billy Matthews, DTV Manger via phone presented several options for closed captioning of public meeting

Discussion followed

Motion to vote for option A closed captioning

Chair Val Vera made the motion and was seconded by Allison King.

Motion carried 6-0.

AYES (8): Chair Vera, Board Members: Austin, Beckham, Kelly, King, Rivas, Morgan, Redwine

NAYS (0): None

F. CPD20-029 Staff Reports

Ryan Adams, Director of Customer Service and Public Affairs discussed the update of the ADA webpage, the Take me Home Program and the attendance requirements for each meeting. The next scheduled meeting is January 21, 2021.

With no further business, Val Vera motioned for adjournment seconded by Beckham and King, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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