

CITY OF DENTON
COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES
February 20, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Work Session room at 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Val Vera, Tamera Beckham, Joe Rivas, Sonia Redwine, Judy Thurmond, Alison Kelly, Rex King, and Val Morgan

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Oliphant, Stuart Birdseye, Becky Owens, Hayley Zagurski, Danielle Shaw and Melissa Jimenez

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tamera Beckham a resident at 3314 Clydesdale shared a personal experience with the committee about an incident she was involved in while visiting the local Long John Silver's restaurant. She slipped and almost fell in the restaurant. She was requesting the committee staff liaison to contact the Health Department in follow-up.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CPD20-001 Consider the approval of the meeting minutes of December 19, 2019

Tamera Beckham motioned for approval and Judy Thurman seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. CPD20-002 Receive a report and hold a discussion and give staff feedback regarding the 2020 Denton Mobility Plan Update.

Marc Oliphant shared a presentation on the 2020 Denton Mobility Plan Update with emphasis on the proposed roadway cross-sections and pedestrian plan. Feedback on the proposal and each plan were requested by staff.

Rex King asked if any demographic information was collected for this planning activity for persons needing to use the public transportation or sidewalks that may have disabilities and be utilizing public housing options.

The priority for various sections of University Drive was reviewed.

The goal is to update the plan every five years to continue to identify and prioritize

as projects come up in the future using this as a resource of where to focus our attention.

Val Vera asked about the DCTA ridership count and service information. We may not have numbers on disabled users because the service is not accessible. Those numbers might increase if it were more accessible.

Marc Oliphant reported there are two more areas to be presented to City Council before going back to the public with meetings to present the draft plan and receive further comments. We are hoping for adoption in late April.

The priority for sidewalks on Bonnie Brae were reviewed. We used a mapping software tool to help in determining the priorities. They can be changed as we are hearing this area along with University are a priority for persons with disabilities to be able to access the area retail establishments along with residents in the area rental properties.

The area north of Windsor is labeled as a priority for access to the new high school. There are ongoing conversations with the school district and the city to ensure this will happen.

Staff will continue to provide a monthly update on the plan.

- C. CPD20-003 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff feedback regarding the Rayzor Ranch Development and current and future accessibility plans for it.

Hayley Zagurski from the City's Planning Department presented an overview of Razor Ranch and the ongoing projects there. A map to show the general intent for the property layout was shared.

- D. CPD20-004 Daniel Shaw, Community Services Manager for the City gave a report regarding the City of Denton's Community Development program and how it serves persons with disabilities. Community Services is a new division in the city that has merged Community Development and Community Improvement Services into one division. An overview was presented of the kinds of programs the city offers for people who are in need of housing assistance.

- E. CPD20-005 Melissa Jimenez, Rec Coordinator for Parks and Recreation spoke about the upcoming Adapted Recreation programs that will be offered by the Parks Department for spring and summer with a focus on the upcoming fall and winter programs.

For program specific questions, call (940) 349-8287. Visit this website for program offerings:

<https://www.cityofdenton.com/en-us/residents/parks-recreation/activities-programs/rec-programs/adapted-rec/adaptive-rec-programs>

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Suggestions and clarifications for participation and inclusion in the different activity plans based on age categories, the type of activity, personnel staffing counts and knowledge base to cover all disabilities. Flexibility to support young people with more than just behavior challenges and where training could help make a difference in a person enjoying the program better and parents being more comfortable were shared by the committee members. It should be the individual's choice to choose if they want to participate in an adaptive program or if they want to be integrated or it could be a parental choice.

F. CPD20-006 Staff Reports

- Marc Oliphant made several announcements.
 - The pedestrian crossings on the four corners of the square have been modified and have been in a test program that ends in April. Feedback was requested to be sent via email or telephone directly to him.
 - The census complete count is the City's effort in this census year to make sure that everyone gets counted because we get funding and things based on the population. We will discuss this further next month.
 - General information was provided with this agenda about the mental health services that the county run.
 - We are continuing to work with the bike share provider with the intention the bikes don't get parked blocking sidewalks or preventing access.
 - Upcoming events: KDB, Keep Denton Beautiful has great American clean up one month from today, along with the Red Bud Festival
 - Our next meeting is Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m.

- Items for Future Consideration
 - ADA Coordinator from the City's HR Department to speak
 - Animal shelter
 - Census complete count
 - Captioning for public meetings

Tonight is the one year anniversary for this committee. We have made good progress in conducting our meetings and being recognized by the chair when requesting to speak on agenda topics.

Meeting invitations are being sent to distribute the agenda. It is helpful if you can send a yes or no response to help with the preparation and planning.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

It was noted when the committee was formed, some members would rotate off in one year and others in two years. We will report on that at the next meeting for clarification on the timing and required actions.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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