



# City of Denton

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## Meeting Agenda

### Committee on Persons with Disabilities

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Thursday, July 18, 2024

3:00 PM

Development Service Center

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#### **REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Citizens are also able to participate in the following way (NOTE: Other than public hearings, citizens are only able to comment one time per agenda item; citizens cannot use both methods to comment on a single agenda item. Public comments are not held for work session reports.):

- eComment – On July 15, 2024, the agenda was posted online at <https://tx-denton.civicplus.com/242/Public-Meetings-Agendas>. Once the agenda is posted, a link to make virtual comments using the eComment module will be made available next to the meeting listing on the Upcoming Events Calendar. Within eComment, citizens may indicate support or opposition and submit a brief comment about a specific agenda item. Comments may be submitted up until the start of the meeting at which time the ability to make an eComment will be closed. Similar to when a citizen submits a white card to indicate their position on an item, the eComments will be sent directly to members of the Committee on Persons with Disabilities and recorded by the Secretary.

Members review comments received in advance of the meeting and take that public input into consideration prior to voting on an agenda item. The Chair will announce the number of Comment Cards submitted in support or opposition to an item during the public comment period. Comments will not be read during the meeting. The Secretary will reflect the number of comments submitted in favor/opposition to an item, the registrant's name, address, and (summary of) comments within the Minutes of the Meeting, as applicable.

After determining that a quorum is present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas, at which the following items will be considered:

#### **1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Citizens wishing to speak shall have registered under the REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES detailed at the beginning of this agenda. Registration is required prior to the time this agenda item is read into the record. This time is reserved for citizen comments regarding items not listed on the agenda. No official action can be taken on these items. Presentations from Members of the Public is limited to five speakers per meeting with each speaker allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.

#### **2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. [CPD24-015](#) Consider approval of minutes for April 11, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

- B. [CPD24-021](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Disability Pride Month.
- Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)  
[Exhibit 2 - Presentation](#)
- C. [CPD24-022](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding an update on services and accessibility as it relates to the Denton Community Shelter operated by Our Daily Bread.
- Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)
- D. [CPD24-020](#) Staff General Update memo.
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### 3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Committee on Persons with Disabilities or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting and under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

### C E R T I F I C A T E

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OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

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**File #:** CPD24-015, **Version:** 1

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### **AGENDA CAPTION**

Consider approval of minutes for April 11, 2024.

## **City of Denton Committee on Persons with Disabilities**

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, April 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Chair Joe Rivas, Vice-Chair Sally Austin, and Members, Daniel Clanton, Heather Barahona, Isaiah Heck, and Judy Patman.

### **1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no e-Comments from the public.

### **2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**A. CPD24-009** Consider approval of the minutes for January 18, 2024.

Vice-Chair Austin moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Clanton. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Chair Rivas, Vice-Chair Austin, and Members, Austin, Barahona, Heck, and Patman.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (0): None.

**B. CPD24-011** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

**C. CPD24-012** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding disability and accessibility features on the City's website.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

**D. CPD24-014** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Librada "Lily" Cantu Inclusive Playground.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

**E. CPD24-013** Staff General Update Memo

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

### **3. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Members provided concluding items.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

**Joe Rivas**  
**Chair**

**Ryan Adams**  
**Recording Secretary**

**MINUTES APPROVED ON:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### **AGENDA CAPTION**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Disability Pride Month.



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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**CM/ACM:** Sara Hensley

**DATE:** July 18, 2024

**SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Disability Pride Month.

**BACKGROUND**

Disability Pride Month is celebrated every July to mark the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Modeled after the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of ability status in areas including workplace, healthcare, housing, education, and access to public spaces. This landmark legislation honors the history, achievements, experiences, and struggles of the disability community. The first celebrated Disability Pride Day was celebrated in Boston, MA in 1990 and the first U.S. Disability Pride Parade was held in Chicago, IL in 2004. Today, events are held nationwide to celebrate disability culture and empower people with disabilities to take pride in who they are.

**EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:  
Carlotta Cowan  
Assistant to the City Manager



# Disability Pride Month

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**Carlotta Cowan**

**July 18, 2024**





# Why do we celebrate?

- Honors the history, achievements, experiences, and struggles of the disability community
- Celebrates disabled persons embracing their disabilities as integral parts of who they are, reclaiming visibility in public, and rejecting shame and internalized ableism



## Why July?

- July 26 marks the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), landmark legislation that removed barriers to inclusion in society
- This year will be the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



# How do we celebrate?

- Disability Pride Day
  - Boston in 1990
- Disability Pride Parade
  - Chicago 2004
- Disability Pride Month Showcase – Art Spark Texas and Alienated Majesty Books, July 14
- Zine Night – Austin Public Library, July 17



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# Proclamation





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### **AGENDA CAPTION**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding an update on services and accessibility as it relates to the Denton Community Shelter operated by Our Daily Bread.



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### **BACKGROUND**

At the Nov. 16, 2023 meeting, the Committee made suggestions for disability-related issues to discuss in 2024 including an update on operations at the Denton Community Shelter located on Loop 288 and operated by Our Daily Bread.

A representative of Our Daily Bread will be present to provide information on:

- Shelter operations
- Services available at the shelter
- Accessibility provisions for shelter patrons who have disabilities

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### AGENDA CAPTION

Staff General Update memo.



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 18, 2024  
**TO:** Committee on Persons with Disabilities  
**FROM:** Carlotta Cowan, Committee Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** General Updates from City of Denton Staff

This memo provides information and updates from City staff relating to updates, issues, and inquiries of interest to the Committee. The following is a listing and brief staff response to the matters brought forward.

- **Inclusive Playground** – In January 2022, City Council approved an application to rename the playground within North Lakes Park, located at 2001 W. Windsor Drive Denton, TX 76201, to honor Librada “Lily” Rose Cantu. In the same year, the Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan which included a priority to create an inclusive playground. The new inclusive playground at North Lakes Park will be designed to be 'barrier-free' and accessible to everyone regardless of their physical, intellectual, or sensory abilities. In April 2023, Mesa Design Company was hired to design the new playground. In November 2023, Proposition C was approved, encompassing the Inclusive Playground and allocating \$3,450,000 for its construction. In March 2024, a virtual public meeting was held for the public to provide input. This meeting and updates for future public meetings can be viewed on the project [webpage](#).
- **Report on Grievances and Requests for Accommodations** – The City of Denton developed its ADA webpage ([www.cityofdenton.com/ada](http://www.cityofdenton.com/ada)) as a resource for persons with disabilities to request accommodations and file grievances through an established process. From May 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, the following requests and grievances were submitted:
  - Requests for Accommodation: 2
  - Grievances Filed: 0

Staff requests that members of the Committee continue to assist in making sure the disability community are aware of this resource.

- **Next Committee Meeting** – Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the Development Services Center. The following topics are scheduled for discussion by the committee (topics may change pending staff availability and/or the need to address emerging issues):
  - Sidewalk Workplan

## OUR CORE VALUES

Inclusion • Collaboration • Quality Service • Strategic Focus • Fiscal Responsibility



- Bike Lanes
- ADA Transition Plan
- Design Downtown Denton