

**MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

PLACE: Janice & Gary Podesto Impact Teen Center
725 North El Dorado Street

DATE/TIME: November 21, 2005
10:00 a.m.

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The Meeting was called to order by Don Aguillard at 10:15 a.m.
- Each member introduced themselves

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Committee Reports

Education Committee Update:

Art Gomez informed the Committee that the Employment and Education Committee would submit its Mission Statement and Purpose in draft at the next meeting. He added that because of the complexity of the issue the focus would be on Employment rather than Education and suggested adding an Education Committee component at a later time. Mr. Gomez provided the committee with an overview of the draft Employment Committee Mission Statement;

- Educate employers on the benefits of hiring persons with disabilities
- Educate employers and job seekers on the resources available to enhance and support proactive employment

Don Aguillard suggested changing the committee name to "Employment Education Committee".

Transportation Committee Update:

Jennifer Wimberly, a representative from San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD) was present at the meeting. Mr. Gomez requested a meeting with SJRTD representatives in order to determine specific needs and solutions for persons with disabilities.

Mr. Aguillard requested that both the Employment Education Committee and the Transportation Committee provide overview submissions by the meeting of January 16, 2006.

Mr. Gomez provided the Committee with a draft overview of the goals and objectives of the Transportation Committee (attached).

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Fabrizio Sasso recommended that SJRTD provide the Committee with information on its services, and fees that it provides to the San Joaquin County Community for the next meeting.

Youth Outreach Committee Update:

Mr. Aguillard provided the Committee with a copy of the Youth Outreach Goals and Objectives. Mr. Aguillard informed the Committee that it was the goal to assess the needs of youth and work towards providing a solution.

Mr. Aguillard stated that education and awareness are crucial to the committee's success. He outlined that the committee's goal was to identify and assess the needs of youths in the disabled community in order to provide resources to these individuals. Mr. Aguillard would like to see workshops available to the public that would provide training and education on communication and etiquette related to Americans with Disabilities. In addition, Mr. Aguillard would like to see the City provide mandatory training to educate staff on Americans with Disabilities as well as a renewed commitment from the Parks and Recreation Department to restore and develop programs targeting the disabled.

A suggestion was made to address the recent decline of participation and funding in programs such as the Special Olympics and organizations that focus on youth activities.

Housing Committee Update:

George Lewis provided the committee with an overview of the draft mission statement (attached).

A suggestion was made to contact Carol Ornelas from ACLC and Vernon Hill, from Service First to provide information or a presentation for the Committee on their work with housing for the disabled and for the possibility of collaborating with the Committee on projects.

Mr. Lewis introduced Nelda Grimes who was invited in hopes of joining the committee.

Mr. Aguillard reminded those committee members that have not turned in their biography and application to do so by the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Task Force Meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

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