

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

PLACE: Cesar Chavez Library, Stewart Hazelton Room
605 North El Dorado Street

DATE/TIME: September 20, 2006
11:00 a.m.

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Art Gomez at 11:05 a.m.
- Roll call
- Each member gave a self introduction

OPEN DISCUSSION:

ADA Coordinator Report

- Construction for the remodeling of the restrooms in the basement of City Hall should begin next month.
- The entrance threshold on the west side of City Hall is very steep. Crews will be flattening this out during the first weekend of October.
- The Courts are working on improving their accessibility.

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - The committee reviewed what was discussed at our last full meeting.
 - Notices making people aware of construction should be put into alternate forms.
 - Any new construction should be reported quarterly.
- Education, Employment
 - Working on developing seminars.
 - The committee is attending other meetings.
- Youth/Community Development Outreach
 - Disability Awareness Fair – Handout was passed out.
 - Dec.15, 16, and 17.
 - Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 15 at the Civic Auditorium.
 - Saturday and Sunday's events will be held at the Cesar Chavez Library.
 - Saturday, Dec. 16 – Information
 - Sunday, Dec. 17 – Movies
 - Updates will be given at each full meeting.
 - Sponsorships
 - The fair will be sponsored by the City (Task Force)
 - City will be helping out with Friday's luncheon at the Civic

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- Housing Committee
 - Last meeting was held on Aug. 28 – Handout of meeting minutes was passed out.

Visitability

- BIA needs to attend a meeting – open discussion.

New Business

- A gentleman met with the Mayor and had many issues with the Dial-A-Ride system. He was asked to submit his issues but has not yet done that. If his issues are submitted prior to the next meeting, they will go onto the agenda.
- The smaller Dial-A-Ride busses can only accommodate two wheelchairs.
 - These busses are on lease to RTD.
 - New busses are on order and will be just like the Hopper.
 - Should be ready by November.
- Non-fixed bus stops benches are being moved and placed in front of trees for shade, however, wheel chairs cannot fit through.
 - Some of the benches are RTD, some are the City's and some are contracted through a third party.
 - All of the portable benches are overseen by an outside vendor, however, the City has authority over the sidewalks and can ask them to move the benches.
 - RTD just put out a contract for fixed-benches (some with shade and some without shade).
- Blind/visually impaired people are being bi-passed by the busses because they are not flagging down the busses.
 - The director of RTD is currently addressing this issue.
 - RTD is having four two-hour sessions of sensitivity training. This is their second set of sensitivity training.
 - Training is done on a monthly basis.
 - If you have an RTD complaint you can call Jean at 955-8433.

Committee Application

- Anyone who has not filled out an application needs to contact Fabrizio Sasso at 937-8880 or email him at fabrizio.sasso@ci.stockton.ca.us.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Task Force Meeting has been scheduled for October 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the Cesar Chavez Library, Stewart Hazelton Room located at 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton.

Please contact Nicole Mamorno at (209) 937-7850 for copies of any handouts/additional information.