

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

January 17, 2007

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

DATE/TIME: January 17, 2007
11:00 a.m.

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The Meeting was called to order by Art Gomez, at 11:07 a.m.
- Roll call

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Public Comment

- None

ADA Coordinator Report – Kathy Tomura

- Bathrooms in the basement of City Hall near completion
- Two new projects in development, conforming counters in Administrative Services and City Clerks office to ADA requirements, waiting for 07/08 Budget

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Rescheduled routes and numbers
 - Improved for disabled community
 - Expanding services to Trinity Parkway
 - New route numbers to distinguish four quadrants (50-60-70-80)
 - Concerns
 - Front half of bus needs to be adapted for larger wheelchairs
 - Wheelchairs can't turn on front ramp and disabled ride backwards
 - New changes in scheduled have not been posted adequately
 - New locations have no easy access (mall will be providing cut-outs)
 - Concerns will be addressed at sub-committee meeting
- Education, Employment
 - Two new member applications received
 - Survey from other cities disability programs being developed
 - Questions will be on how task force can serve community
 - Questions will also address what resistance is being met
- Youth/Community Development Outreach
 - Learning Disability Fair
 - Submitted final report to Chair
 - Acknowledgement letters being sent to participants
 - Expense incurred amounted to \$2,212.63
 - Congratulations given for a successful event

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- Housing Committee
 - Visitability
 - Looking into the possibility of incentives for builders
 - Possibility of using SNI funds dedicated to workforce housing.
 - Visitability has minimum requirements, City should exceed minimum
 - Suggestion made that visitability permits get priority and price break
 - Suggestion contact Modesto contractor already dealing with visitability
 - Working with City on making presentation to developers
 - Suggestion that an ordinance be developed requiring visitability

Old Business

- Learning Disability Fair
 - Suggested change in venue and date
 - Suggested including workshops in addition to panel

New Business

- Conferences
 - Don Aguilar is checking into local conferences
- Next goals
 - Funding outreach
 - Expand task force
- Concerns
 - Report received that Braille templates in City buildings not ADA compliant
 - Kathy Tomura reported that templates are being replaced
 - State has more stringent requirements than Federal

Community Announcements

- State of the City, February 28, 2007, Civic Auditorium
 - Fabrizio requested those interested to contact him for tickets
- Resource Booklet
 - Mayor requested that this be completed by the end of the year
 - UOP has provided help in compiling booklet
- Self-Advocacy
 - Representative from "Dream Ahead" suggested self-advocacy program
 - Suggestion made that another sub-committee be developed to discuss

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Task Force Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the Stewart Hazelton Room in the Cesar Chavez Library

Please contact Julie LaLonde at (209) 937-8499 for copies of any handouts/additional information.