

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

July 18, 2007

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

DATE/TIME: July 18, 2007
11:00 a.m.

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The Meeting was called to order by Don Aguillard at 11:05 a.m.
- The sign-in sheet will be used as the Roll Call, requested updated e-mail addresses
- Visitors introduced themselves

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved with no changes

Public Comment

- None

Mayor Chavez

- Reminded Task Force of yearly renewal request has to be presented to Council
- Expressed appreciation for the work has done so far
- Acknowledged formidable tasks and encouraged to take reasonable approach
- Addressed the visitors and encouraged them to use the Task Force for advocacy

ADA Coordinator Report

- Continuing study of pedestrian crosswalks
 - Two issues – duration and cadence
 - Request for standards, Kathy will send e-mail link, guidelines only
 - Rita discussed Bay Area implementation
 - ✓ Don will call Bay Area contact for information
 - Mobility Training available at the Blind Center
 - Joanie Bauer (Blind Center) will be invited to the next meeting
 - Discussion of other cities alternatives (seconds countdown, extended time)

Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - Improved communication
 - Proceeding with goals

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➤ Education, Employment

- Proceeding with survey
 - Final results pending – available at next meeting
 - Employers showing interest in tax incentives and job fairs
 - Overall response is encouraging, employers requesting information
- Disability Fair – decisions pending
 - Discussions continuing at monthly meetings

➤ Youth/Community Development Outreach

- Tri-Fold brochure
 - Requested changes go to Connie Cochran for editing
 - ✓ Re-send to Don and Art in pdf
- Website
 - Nathan met with Cathy Sloan (webmaster for City of Stockton)
 - Working on making website more accessible
- Youth
 - Need to address youth component of this sub-committee

➤ Housing Committee

- Reviewing other cities that have “visitability” codes/programs
 - Definitions are not consistent
 - ✓ Need to determine what City of Stockton wants as definition
 - ✓ Short or long – term visitability
 - ✓ Outreach to contractors and buyers necessary, raise awareness
 - ✓ Goal to reach low income housing contractors
 - Implementation – three possibilities
 - ✓ Voluntary certification program (usually minimal response)
 - ✓ Financial Incentives – 2 tiered permit system
 - ✓ Mandated program – City ordinance
 - Contractor “visitability” certification
 - ✓ Mayor noted any contractor should be able to conform
 - Current status in Stockton
 - ✓ Apartments being built with visitability standards
 - ✓ Cost to retrofit is 40% more than initial installation

➤ Old Business

- Disability Fair
 - Committee meeting monthly, full task force invited
 - ✓ Civic Auditorium held for 11/2, call for volunteers
 - ✓ Lunch to be served to vendors, dance, workshops
 - ✓ Focus on both agency to agency and agency to consumer
 - ✓ All correspondence to come from Mayor's office
 - ✓ Budget needs to be completed (review last year's costs)

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➤ New Business

- Requests from citizens received at Mayor's office has been handled

➤ Community Announcements

- Mary Ann Parker will not be returning, staying in Nebraska
 - Note will be sent from Mayor's office
- SJRTD Route changes
 - Adding service to SUSD for high school students
- Helpful website addresses
 - www.benefitscheckup.org
 - www.ready.gov

ADJOURN:

Don adjourned the meeting at 12:20. The next meeting is scheduled on August 14, 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.

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