

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

October 15, 2008

PLACE: Oak Park Senior Center
Arts & Crafts Room
730 E. Fulton

DATE/TIME: October 15, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Aguillard, Marilyn Fialkow-Chadnick, Jean Foletta, Art Gomez, George Lewis, Danny Nuss, Judy Robertson, and Roger Slingerman

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Connie Cochran (recorder), Kathy Tomura, and Rudy Narvaez

GUESTS PRESENT: Erica Rodriguez (Congressman McNerney's office), Theresa Velazquez (Dance Sport), and Bob Gleason with 12 students (SUSD – Project LIVE serving mild – moderately disabled adults up to age 22)

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order by Art Gomez at 11:05 a.m.
- Introduction of attendees
- Don Aguillard arrived at 11:07 a.m. and assumed Chair responsibilities.
- Sign in sheet used as role call
- Minutes reviewed and approved

PUBLIC COMENTS:

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION:

ADA Reports

- Public Works Update – Kathy Tomura
 - Troke Library remodel - Parking lot taking longer than anticipated
 - Library will remain at Mall location through, at least, the end of the year.
 - Municipal Utilities Department restrooms currently being updated.
- San Joaquin RTD updates – Jean Foletta
 - Bus stops moved to Pacific
 - Traffic restricted on Yokuts while crossing under construction
 - Completion estimated February 2009
 - Handouts with maps and public notices (English/Spanish) provided
- Department Report – Connie Cochran, City Public Information Officer
 - Provided City budget update, in lieu of Department specific report

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education, Employment Outreach Committee

Art Gomez, Co-Chair, provided Airport Corridor Job Fair report

- Early admission for veterans and disabled worked well and will be used again next year and recommended for other job fairs.
- Parking challenges experienced
- Bus access at curbside a problem, as construction in the area had sidewalks removed.
- Overall feedback about Job Fair was positive
- Bob Gleason (Guest), SUSD Project Live, commented about Job Fair access
 - Concerned that buses could not pull into parking lot
 - Jean Foletta explained that bus weight too much for surface and turning radius inadequate within the lot (buses are not permitted to back up)
- Art agreed to take issues raised back to Airport Corridor Action Team
- George Lewis will be moving from the Housing Committee to this Committee

Housing Committee

- Don stated that committee will be restructured.

Transportation and Mobility Committee

- Art will move from the Employment Committee to focus on this Committee
- Jean Foletta reported that SJRTD has received some funding for Job Access and Remote Commute. They will work with Social Services organizations to perform travel training for Dial-A-Ride services, such as where to stand when waiting for the bus, when to call for service, etc. This is a 3-year program and will be reviewed and evaluated for long-term funding opportunities.

Youth/Community Development Outreach Committee

Review and evaluation of the Disability Awareness Fair

- Triple attendance from prior year and positive feedback from community
- Additional publicity helped, as well as outdoor, activity-based format. KWJN, KJOY, Channel 97 and Marilyn's segment on Channel 26 were all very helpful
- Roger asked that next year items such as accessible port-a-potties and the changing tent come right off the top of the budget and not be removed for other priorities
- Don reported total funds raised of \$5,444
- Roger reminded everyone not to forget to include in-kind donations, and to consider charging fees for participation
- Don reported approximately \$1,043 remaining as seed money for next year
- Compliments from everyone for Julie LaLonde and all her hard work
- A recommendation was made to make sure that left-over raffle prizes do not have gift cards/certificates that might expire and/or perishables
- Possible dates for next year September 11th or September 18th.
- Don would like to follow-up to verify dates of subcommittee meetings at City Hall, not sure if they are the 1st or 2nd Friday of each month.

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Old Business

- None

New Business

- Art introduced Theresa Velazquez, Dance Sport, who reviewed opportunities for Ballroom Dance classes, individual instruction, and competition.
- Art and Don received a request from the San Joaquin County Commission on Aging Chair, who is interested in engaging individuals interested in developing Accessible Community Gardening program.

Requests for follow-up

- Chairs would like the City to explore what is currently available and what opportunities exist for providing reduced business license fees for veterans and disabled persons
- Connie will check to see if Financial Management could be the Department report for the November meeting
- Julie to send current Board and Commission openings information to Task Force e-mail distribution list

Announcements

- Erica Rodriguez from Congressman McNerney's office (guest) announced open enrollment for Medicare and provided a brochure, "Guide to Constituent Services".

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard adjourned the meeting at 12:00.

NEXT MEETING

November 19, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. Oak Park Senior Center, Arts & Craft Room
Please call (209) 937-8499 for copies of any handouts/additional information.

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