

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

January 21, 2009

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

DATE/TIME: January 21, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Johnston, Don Aguillard, Ardria Climons, Marilyn Fialkow-Chadnick, Art Gomez, Jeff Kidwell, George Lewis, Mary Nicholson, Danny Nuss, and Roger Slingerman

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Julie Bristow (SJRTD), , Theresa Velazquez (Dance Sport), Jose Vuno and Carol Ornelas (Visionary Home Builders of CA), Laverne Dunham (Graphics West Printing), Karen Anderson (SJ Delta College), Trisha Vasquez and David Parker Central Valley Training Center), Harold and Mary Butts (Dignity's Alcove), Patty Madrid (Madrid and Associates), AND Connie Uychutin (ARC San Joaquin)

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order by Don Aguillard at 11:05 a.m.
- Introduction were made around the table
- Minutes reviewed and approved

PUBLIC COMENTS:

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION:

ADA Reports

- Public Works Update – Kathy Tomura
 - Improvements made at the Oak Park Senior Center restroom facility
 - Improvements made at the Troke Library remodel
 - Improvements made at Parking Lot O (Human Service Agency)
 - Improvements in parks including Anderson, Oak, Eden, and McKinley
 - Repaving and striping parking lot at Philomathean Club
 - Working on grant to renovate entire building
- San Joaquin RTD updates
 - Jean Foletta at mobility conference, Julie Bristow reported in her absence
 - Traffic restricted on Yokuts while crossing under construction
 - Handouts – One-Stop Shop – distributed
 - Board meetings are held 3rd Tuesday of each month

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- WAMU – Connie Cochran
 - IT is the only City Department currently in building
 - Other office space being leased out
 - Don requested notice when departments move in to review accessibility
 - Art indicated he has a facility survey for accessibility and will deliver to Kathy
 - Don requested that we go “above and beyond” requirements
 - Suggestion that Task Force meet with Building Dept. to discuss requirements

- Mayor Ann Johnston
 - Introduced herself as “new kid on the block”
 - Requested working together as a community
 - Task Force by definition usually designated for a limited time
 - Questioned move to an Advisory Council
 - Don requested move to Commission
 - Mayor requested time to get full sense of focus and activities
 - Mayor requested timeline and goals to reach by June

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education, Employment Outreach Committee

- Judy Robertson, new Chair and Marilyn Fialkow-Chadnick, new Co-Chair, were both absent, Art Gomez provided report in their absence
 - Will be setting new goals, focusing on job fairs
 - Results from survey taken at ACT Job Fair provided

Housing Committee

- Don stated that committee will be setting new date and time for meetings

Transportation and Mobility Committee

- San Joaquin RTD improved communication and more sensitive to issues
- Curbside construction zones still a problem, need alternate routes
 - Suggested advance notices sent regarding areas of construction
 - Connie can place on website for outreach notification
 - PW works with Judith Bueth Communications for outreach
 - Discuss difference between emergency re-route and route changes
- Presentations being made
 - Karl Ross Post
 - Hispanic Chamber

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Youth/Community Development Outreach Committee

Disability Awareness Fair 2009

- 700 attended in 2008 and positive feedback from community
- Discussed possible dates for 2009
 - 9/11 or 9/18 preferred
 - Would like to combine VFW if date of 9/11 chosen
 - Requested meeting with Mayor to discuss Fair
 - Sub-committee meeting to discuss Fair scheduled for 2/5 at 6:00
 - First Fair subsidized by Healings in Motion, subsequent Fairs by donations

Overview of Committees

- Plans for 2009 include becoming more integrated into the community
- Would like to increase outreach goals
- Requested meeting with Mayor to discuss challenges

Old Business

- Chair and Co-Chair positions to remain the same through fiscal year
- Deaf Community Focus Group
 - Preferred phone system "side-kick" for text messages
 - E-mail also preferred
 - Video conference also used when available
 - Relay service and TDD rarely used
 - Requested assistance to identify community members (5/6) for focus group

New Business

- Community Calendar 2009
 - E-mails to be sent to Connie for website posting, Must focus on Stockton
- National Organization on Disabilities (NOD) Grant
 - Art requested that the Task Force work on applying for grant funds

Community Announcements

- Handout provided

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

NEXT MEETING

March 18, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. Oak Park Senior Center, Arts & Craft Room
Please call (209) 937-8499 for copies of any handouts/additional information.