

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
February 18, 2009

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

DATE/TIME: February 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Johnston, Heather Agdeppa, Don Aguillard, Marilyn Fialkow-Chadnick, Jean Foletta, Art Gomez, Mary Nicholson, Danny Nuss, and Judy Robertson

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Jose Nuno (Visionary Home Builders of CA), Darrell Borges-Nolen (ARC San Joaquin), Jesse Petersen (Project LIVE), Alma Ortiz, (CA Telephone Access Program), Chris Clark (Disabled Sports USA), Dr. Summer Reed (Healing Hands Magazine and Judy Casetta (SJC Office of Education)

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order by Art Gomez at 11:07 a.m.
- Sign-in sheet will be used a roll call
- Minutes reviewed and approved with corrections
 - Carol Ornelas was listed as attending but was not present at last meeting

PUBLIC COMENTS:

- Mary Nicholson thanked the Task Force for the calls made to her while she was ill

OPEN DISCUSSION:

ADA Reports

- Public Works Update – Kathy Tomura
 - Repaving and striping parking lot at Philomathean Club
 - Delayed due to rain
 - Was added to Historical Buildings Register
 - Art Gomez reported curbs at Center & El Dorado
 - Kathy asked that requests be called in with addresses
 - Repairs are completed with Federal funding
 - Waiting list for repairs – based on complaints
- Risk Management
 - Kathleen Williams not present – no report given

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- RTD – Jean Foletta
 - Yokuts transfer area delayed due to weather
 - New program – Travel Training – handout provided
 - Art Gomez reported bus bench set in dirt on El Dorado
 - Connie Cochran responded East Bay MUD issues might be involved
 - Kathy Tomura stated that in the past if the benches that had advertising were receiving the complaints, PW would remove
 - Jean Foletta said she will investigate and report back
 - Mary Nicholson reported a client advised her no route to WorkNet
 - There is a transfer from bus to trolley that goes to WorkNet

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Community Services (formerly Parks & Recreation) – Dino Leonardi

- Recreation for All People – activities on-going
 - Stribley Community Center – 3 days per week – 15 average attendance
 - Van Buskirk Community Center has smaller attendance
- City supports RSC Track Meet in May
- Don Aguillard questioned if Art Program can be added
 - Adolfo Cruz responded that they request grants funding regularly
- Working with Traffic Division to insure ADA parking at all events

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education, Employment Outreach Committee

- Marilyn Fialkow-Chadnick, Co-Chair, reported new goals for committee
 - More social actions
 - Addressing brain injuries and deaf
 - Fund-raising
 - Creating jobs for disabled
 - Video project to demonstrate talents
 - SJ Delta College approved use of studio
 - Need budget and timeline
 - George Lewis attending ACT meetings
 - Focusing on job fairs
 - Seeking interpreters
 - UCP connecting with San Joaquin RTD to clean up bus stops
 - Sub-committee meets first Wednesday of each month at 3:30
 - Cesar Chavez Library, Stewart Hazelton Room
 - Requested SJ Delta College for meeting location instead of Senior Center

Transportation and Mobility Committee

- SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee)
 - Attend meetings to provide feedback
 - Social Service agencies needed on Committee

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Housing Committee

- Meetings will be scheduled for once per month
- Exploring all possibilities

Youth/Community Development Outreach Committee

- Consider re-print updated brochure with multi language
 - Multi language
 - Braille
 - Funds from Disability Fair Budget to provide for printing
- Disability Awareness Fair 9/11/2009
 - Next Sub-committee meeting to discuss Fair scheduled for 2/26 at 5:30
 - Requested standardized cost for meals – no coupons
 - No offers of shade structure rentals this time
 - Looking into partnering with Veteran's
 - Mayor Johnston suggested ending the Fair at 1:00
 - Minimal attendance after lunch on Fridays

Old Business

- Deaf Community Focus Group
 - Requested assistance to identify community members (5/6) for focus group

New Business

- Meeting locations
 - Don Aguillard requested meetings be moved to City Hall
 - The Senior Center more accessible – free parking

Community Announcements

- Chris Clark – Disabled Sports USA
 - Thanks to COS Community Services Department for help with golf program
 - Program provides handicapped accessible clubs
 - 6 week program for \$50
 - Next session begins 4/14

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard adjourned the meeting at 12:30.

NEXT MEETING

April 15, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. Oak Park Senior Center, Arts & Craft Room
Please call (209) 937-8499 for copies of any handouts/additional information.