

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

May 21, 2008

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

DATE/TIME: May 21, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Aguillard, Art Gomez, George Lewis, Judy Robertson, Roger Slingerman

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Connie Cochran, Kathy Tomura. Sharon Elizondo and Julie LaLonde (recorder)

GUESTS PRESENT: Marilyn Chadnick, Jean Foletta. Jennifer Copeland, and Matt Struger

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order by Art Gomez at 11:05 a.m.
- Sign in sheet will be used as role call
- Introduction of new guests
 - Matt Struger, Disabled Sports USA
 - Jennifer Copeland, Valley Mountain Regional Center
 - Sharon Elizondo, COS Housing Department
- Discussion of location and time change for meetings
 - Chosen for bus route and easier parking
- Don Aguillard arrived at 11:10 and continued the meeting as Chair

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Public Comment

- Matt Struger requested to speak about Disabled Sports USA
 - Flyer distributed
 - Swenson providing adaptive golf program for ages 9 and up
 - Stoke victims most common attendee
 - First session attended by 26
 - 20 people can be served per 1 ½ hour session
 - Group sessions, with individualized training following
 - Cost is \$75 per session, scholarship programs available
 - Chris Clarke is the golf program coordinator

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ADA Reports

- Public Works Update – Kathy Tomura
 - Contractor has been selected for the restroom at Senior Center
 - Modifications include changing doors and changing to single use restroom
- TDD Update – Connie Cochran
 - Will be testing software “My TTY” in City Manager’s Office
 - Program was reviewed by Delta College Deaf Counselor
 - City Manager’s reception desk determined to be central answering point
 - Computer will need upgrading before software is loaded
 - Use in other departments will be determined by amount and types of calls received in the CM department

City of Stockton – Housing Department – Sharon Elizondo

- Brief overview provided
 - Programs targeted for low to moderate income families, below 80% of area median
 - Multi-family housing programs – apartments (triplexes as time consuming as 20-40 units)
 - New construction
 - Units are provided with ADA requirements, or that can be adjusted
 - Some have more than minimum requirements (i.e. Visionary)
 - Re-habs
 - Not as many due to restrictions and cost to bring up to code - predominately elderly widows
 - Homeowner Assistance Program (also low income)
 - Excellent timing right now with market prices
 - Down Payment assistance program available
 - Disability/accessibility features up to \$10,000
 - Assisting other programs through CDBG funds
 - Fair Housing Council
 - Emergency Shelter Grant Funds
 - Other organizations (i.e. Women’s Center)
 - Programs have operational restrictions
 - Federal Source – U.S. Department of HUD
 - Funding reports on website
 - State restrictions
 - Redevelopment area – **units** must be replaced
 - Bound as municipality
 - City Council focus
 - Encouraging “green” building
 - Environmental impacts
 - Historic reviews
 - Cannot do any direct lobbying
 - Can assist special needs, but not advocates for special interest groups

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City of Stockton – Housing Department – Sharon Elizondo (continued)

- Foreclosure issues
 - Can disseminate information
 - Cannot advocate for non-governmental assistance (i.e. refer to specific lenders)
 - Handouts provided
 - Foreclosure Prevention Information
 - Get To Know Us
 - Referred to website for further questions
- Responses to questions
 - City does not deal with Section 8 Housing – referred to San Joaquin Housing Authority
 - Some broker requirements are broader due to economy
 - City does not track market-rate rental housing
 - Several large multi- and single-family projects in future
 - Process takes 2-5 years
 - Website shows current and completed new construction projects
 - Currently on website
 - Marquee Place (40 units)
 - Wysteria - 5th Street & Pock Lane – broke ground
 - Villa Monterey – rehab in Kentfield
 - Community of All Nations
 - Winslow Village – 41 units for disabled and seniors with special needs

Disability Awareness Fair

- Committee meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Joe Pomodoro's Pizza
 - Sponsor list being revised

Education , Employment and Outreach Subcommittee Report

- Working with ACT for job fair
 - Mobility issues being resolved, will coordinate with WorkNet (SJC)

Old Business

- Yokuts Bus Stop
 - SJRTD & COS met last week - Verified scope of work and responsibility
- Customer Service Training
 - Correction from last meeting – Planning training is currently “team building”
 - RFP being issued in June for vendor to develop training
 - Member of Task Force will be able to contribute to content, design and development, and meet with vendor

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New Business

- None

Community Announcements

- None

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard adjourned the meeting at 12:20.

NEXT MEETING

June 18, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. Oak Park Senior Center, Arts & Craft Room

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

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