

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

June 18, 2008

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

DATE/TIME: June 18, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Aguillard, Nathan Baker, Art Gomez, Roy Juarez, George Lewis, Mary Nicholson, Roger Slingerman, Jeff Vierra

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Connie Cochran, Kathy Tomura, Steve Stewart, and Julie LaLonde (recorder)

GUESTS PRESENT: Maria Sanchez (SJDC), Julie Bristow (SJRTD), Latrice Benson (VMRC), Theresa Velazquez (Dance Sport), Emmett & Patricia Cunningham, Jennifer Copeland (VMRC), Mary Sifuentes, Cindy McKnight, Danny Nuss (UOP), and Hilda Curry (Black Employee Assoc. of Stockton Unified)

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order Don Aguillard at 11:05 a.m.
- Sign in sheet will be used as role call
- Introduction of new guests

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Public Comment

- Theresa Velazquez of Dance Sport
 - Dance teacher for 24 years
 - Wheelchair dance instruction available
 - Will meet with Disability Fair for inclusion in the fair
- Mary Nicholson of Healings in Motion
 - Announced CVRAPS program – speakers on 4th Thursday of each month
 - www.healingsinmotion.com for announcements and descriptions

ADA Reports

- Public Works Update – Kathy Tomura
 - Senior Center restroom renovation underway
 - Civic Auditorium, Cesar Chavez, MUD, and Troke libraries at various stages

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- Yokuts bus stop update – Connie Cochran
 - City will fund initial part of project (curb-cut & temporary striping)
 - SJRTD will reimburse City and manage the rest of the project
 - SJRTD expects first phase to be completed by 7/8
 - Lighted crosswalk expected to go out to bid in September
 - Crosswalk will be monitor for safety

City of Stockton – Fire Department – Steve Stewart

- OES evacuation map discussion
 - Briefly reviewed recent Quail Lakes fires “Grizzly incident”, Three distinct fires
 - Emergency response
 - Focus is on the largest population affected
 - Special needs population and pets not the major focus
 - Public information during an emergency
 - Traditional radio, tune to local transmitters
 - Announcements also made on the internet for real-time situations
 - Reverse 9-1-1 being researched for City of Stockton
 - RFP is currently out, System will make outbound calls or e-mail
 - Cognitive challenged individuals would need alternate contact
 - Information gathered at County website (OES)
 - Copies also in all libraries
 - Don suggested getting copies to agencies
 - Rally points for those in need of transportation
 - Need to identify special needs
 - Two groups of special needs – cognitive and mobility

Mayor's Comments

- Mayor questioned high meeting attendance (not norm)
 - Meeting attendance high due to Mayor's visit
 - Mayor does not want his attendance to be driving force
- What to expect next 6 months (may change with new Mayor)
 - No current plans to make task force a commission
 - Concerned with declining attendance
 - Some members removed themselves
 - New list of members will be submitted to at 7/29/08 Council meeting
 - Members for individuals, not agencies
 - Agency is not to rotate membership between employees
 - Regular attendance and participation must be a commitment
 - Assignments
 - Presentations each month from City departments
 - Develop a set of recommendations, based on presentations from City Departments
 - Timing critical, don't wait until end of year
 - Use current Transition Plan as guideline and make recommendations for upgrades and changes

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Questions for the Mayor

- What are the Mayoral candidates views of the task force?
 - As a body, it is not appropriate to request candidates to speak to group
 - Individual meeting with candidates is more appropriate
- Candidates are not enthusiastic about task forces. Can Mayor brief them?
 - Task Forces have reputation of being slow
 - Mayor's standpoint is that task force is valid
- Closing comments
 - Letter of interest to stay on task force (or join) needs to be submitted by 6/30

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education , Employment and Outreach Subcommittee Report

- Working on recommendations to job fairs

Housing

- No report

Transportation and Mobility

- Working on recommendations to job fairs

Youth/Community Development Outreach

- Working on recommendations to job fairs
- Disability Fair
 - Designed to be a fun day at Weber Point on 9/19/08, 9:00-3:00
 - Funding needed for activities
 - Beep Ball
 - Delta Blades
 - Art table
 - Entertainment
 - No funds available from the City
 - Committee meeting every other Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Joe Pomodoro's Pizza
 - A petting zoo was discussed
 - City ordinances do not allow for livestock within City limits.

NOD Award

- \$25,000 Accessible America Award
 - Requirement is that awareness has improved
 - Eight areas, including employability
 - Requesting Mayor's permission to apply, deadline in September

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Old Business

- None

New Business

- Questions
 - Can success stories be presented to Council?
 - Will check for appropriate format (letter or address Council at meeting)
 - Can more advertising be done?
 - Brochures available at City Hall for distribution

Community Announcements

- Positions open
 - Health & Human Services SJC Commission on Aging
 - Handicapped Board of Appeals

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard adjourned the meeting at 12:30.

NEXT MEETING

July 16, 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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