

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

April 16, 2008

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

DATE/TIME: April 16, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Aguillard, Art Gomez, George Lewis

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Ann Turner, Connie Cochran, Kathy Tomura. and Julie LaLonde

GUESTS PRESENT: Jean Foletta. Cindy McKnight, and Harold Butts

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order by Don Aguillard at 11:15 a.m.
- Sign in sheet will be used as role call
- Art Gomez questioned location and time of meetings
 - Don explained site chosen for easy access

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved with following changes:
 - Page 2, fourth bullet, "exceed law standard process requirements"
 - Page 3, second bullet, "for reference only if additional information is desired"

Public Comment

- None

ADA Coordinator Report

- Parking Lot O – Washington & San Joaquin
 - Installing ADA stalls, pavement modification and painting striping
- Senior Center
 - Restrooms being modified
- Don questioned ADA certification requirements
 - Art commented that there are ADA preferred practices
 - Kathy referred to Title 24 compliance
 - Art questioned if City could go to international ADA requirements
 - Kathy asked that information and website be sent to her for review
- Margaret Troke Library renovation
 - Modification to restrooms and access to building
- Cesar Chavez Library and Civic Auditorium
 - Modification to restrooms
 - Art requested better signage

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Committee Reports

- Transportation
 - No time or location chosen for meetings yet
- Education & Employment
 - Researching dates for job fairs
 - Working on signage for ACT Job Fair on 9/12
 - Designated ADA parking will be closer to buildings this year
- Housing

George prefaced his comments by stating he had many questions:

- **What is the procedure for applying for a home modification assistance?**
 - Connie suggested that a representative from Housing be invited to sub-committee meeting to explain in detail and answer questions
- **Is there a list of items completed or changed since the Transition Plan was written (the sub-committee would like to inspect completed projects)?**
 - A list has not been kept, status on City buildings can be provided
- **Can the Transition Plan be redefined?**
 - Connie clarified that additions can be added within the scope of the Transition Plan, but change of concepts has to have Council approval
- **What are the results of researching TDD capability?**
 - Connie reported that FD, PD and HR have TDD
 - George commented TDD for disasters "a given" but wanted more coverage throughout the City departments
 - Connie will provide update at next meeting
- **What training is being done for City Staff to become sensitive to disabled citizens needs?**
 - Connie working with HR and will schedule a representative to present at Task Force meeting on how ADA needs are incorporated into training
 - Art requested training dates and Don requested that Task Force be included as the City is "disassociated" with disabled community and needs Task Force input
 - Connie indicated that training is internal, for City staff only

Disability Awareness Fair

- Committee meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Joe Pomodoro's Pizza
 - All Task Force members encouraged to attend and participate
 - Fair flyer delivered to Connie for approval, electronic copy requested
 - Flyers will be e-mailed to organizations to save postage costs
 - Requested flyers be posted to web-sites

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Disability Awareness Fair (continued)

- Equipment and supplies needed for the fair discussed at last meeting
 - List included portable restrooms, golf cart, changing room (tent)
 - Connie stated Weber Point Event Center facility does not have tables, chairs, port o' lets, or golf carts. These items must be rented. Funding will need to come from sponsorships of the event
- Don questioned lack of City Employees at last year's fair
 - Julie explained that staff had to go on their own time
 - Connie indicated that many City staff attended working booths
 - Audience should be the public
 - Don requested more interaction with City
- Don stated volunteers will be needed

Old Business

- Flood Evacuation Maps
 - Maps include "rallying" points, developed by County OES
 - OES Evacuation Map Presentation scheduled for June meeting
 - Don questioned if list was available of disabled in community
 - Connie stated disabled can register with FD
 - Art questioned where lists can be accessed
 - Connie responded that it is not public information
 - Private information maintained in 911 database under address history

New Business

- None

Community Announcements

- Howard Butts introduced himself and gave a brief summary of Dignity's Alcove, Inc., Transitional Housing for Veterans. Supplied flyer.

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard adjourned the meeting at 12:10.

NEXT MEETING

MAY 21, 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.