

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

March 19, 2008

PLACE: Cesar Chavez Library, Stewart Hazelton Room
605 North El Dorado Street

DATE/TIME: March 19, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Aguillard, George Lewis, Mary Nicholson, and Roger Slingerman

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Connie Cochran, Ed O'Reilly, Rudy Narvaez, Kathy Tomura. Blake Froberg and Julie LaLonde (recorder)

GUESTS PRESENT: Jean Foletta

OPENING COMMENTS:

- The meeting was called to order by Don Aguillard at 12:15 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved without changes

Public Comment

- None

ADA Coordinator Report

- None

Committee Reports

- None

ADA Self Evaluation & Transition Plan Review

- Don provided brief overview of Executive Summary
- Connie shared OES evacuation maps
 - Agreed to have County OES come and speak as to how maps are developed
 - Address how outreach and coordination is handled with vulnerable population
- Kathy addresses evacuation procedures for City buildings (page 20)
 - Blake shared elevators return to ground floor

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- Don referred to outreach tri-fold and now developing etiquette manual
 - Don stated facility info and signage also being worked on
- Blake stated ADA code applies to remodels/additions, not existing (unchanged) structures
 - Kathy stated Transition Plan is City's commitment to exceed standard process requirements
 - City required to provide access to all
 - Blake stated California laws vary from other states
 - Don stated that some buildings are not able to be retrofit (City Hall as example)
- Blake referred to federal publication "A Guide to Disability Rights Laws"
 - Booklet provided for minutes
 - Can be requested in bulk from U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
 - Blake offered seminar by Building Department to answer questions
 - Mary referred to "Respectability Conference", services/training/workshops
 - Connie noted two possible audiences, COS employees, or outreach
 - Don requested information passed on to HR
- Don questioned adapting facilities for disabled employees
 - Kathy responded that work spaces are evaluated upon hiring
- Don referred to surveys on page IV and stated they were completed
 - Blake state that accessibility compliance is performed daily
- Don referred to Van Buskirk restroom issues
 - Restrooms were closed in park during event (2 years ago)
 - Needed proper signage for open restrooms
 - Connie will check for current situation
- Don reviewed list of ADA requirements and noted many items still needed
 - Don requested recreating list with priorities
 - Kathy stated Transition Plan adopted and approved by Council
 - Modifications to Plan would have to go to Council for approval
 - ADA projects are incorporated into projects as funds available
 - Don requested ADA requirements for stage at Civic Auditorium
 - Mary requested funds set aside for ADA improvements
 - Connie stated Budget cuts had to be made across the board this year
 - Don suggested looking for Federal and State Grants
 - ❖ Grants usually require "match" from City
 - ❖ Remodels/additions all incorporate ADA requirements
- George questioned who is in charge of ADA at the City level
 - Kathy is the facilitator, and she refers to proper City contact
 - George requested report of projects done since 2003
 - George requested update of TDD training
 - Request P.D. & F.D. to attend meeting to discuss current situation
 - Don referred to evaluation of City TDD, will locate & provide copies

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- Kathy reminded group to focus on Transition Plan Summary only
 - Appendix provided for reference if additional information is desired

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Community Announcements

- None

ADJOURN:

Don Aguillard reminded group that the discussion on the Transition Plan will continue at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m

NEXT MEETING - NEW TIME AND LOCATION

11:00 a.m. at the Oak Park Senior Center, Arts and Craft Room .

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

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