

**MINUTES
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2017**

Stewart Hazelton Room - Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton CA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - 3:10 PM

Roll Call

Present:

Daniel C. Nuss
Joni D. Bauer
Doreen F. Bestolarides
Joseph T. Dondero
George A. Lewis
Mary Nicholson
Toan Tran
Douglas I. Vigil

Absent:

Don M. Aguillard, Patricia Barrett, Daniel L. Garcia, Corlonda F. Hayes, Fred Harrison, and
Summer L. Reed.

Excused: Joseph Stansil

NOTE: Chair Aguillard and Member Barrett arrived to meeting - 3:13 PM

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public comments were made on matters not on the agenda:

Kathleen Gapusan - opposes City Council's three minute public comment rule; seating accommodations for disabled people

Brenda Vazquez - accessibility to public meeting agendas; public comment at the end of Council meetings

Diana Buettner - opposes length of City Council meetings; accommodations for disabled; designated handicap parking at the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

Walter Clay - spoke to crosswalk access for disabled persons

Drew Strachan, Volunteer Outreach and Program Coordinator, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) San Joaquin County - announced new public connections support groups: Family-to-Family Education Class; Peer-to-Peer Education Class and a NAMI online class all beginning September 2017 in Tracy, 35 East 10th Street, Tracy

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

4. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Aguillard requested to dismiss hearing Items 4.1 and 4.2 and proceed directly to Item 5.2; there were no objections from the Task Force members.

4.1 17-3836 EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Vice Chair Nuss presenting information on the University of the Pacific partnership with the non-profit organization "Eye-to-Eye" to provide one-on-one mentorship for students in the community with disabilities.

This item is information only.

Note: this item was not heard.

Legislation Text

4.2 17-3837 MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

1. Member Joni Bauer providing an update on Public Works potential project locations and the Wellness Center Crosswalk request.

2. Member Toan Tran providing information on the RTD GO! Pilot program.

This item is information only.

Note: this item was not heard.

Legislation Text

Attachment - Wellness Center Crosswalk Report

Attachment - RTD Press Release dated July 10, 2017

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 17-3806 SELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS (THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE JUNE 21, 2017 MEETING)

Note: this item was not heard.

Legislation Text

5.2 17-3808 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF COMMITTEE'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES HANDBOOK AND COMMITTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES (THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE JUNE 21, 2017 MEETING)

Consider establishing a sub-committee to review and update the Committee's Guiding Principles Handbook and Roles & Responsibilities.

Legislation Text

Attachment A - Handbook

Attachment B - Roles Responsibilities DRAFT

Chair Aguillard - thanked Member Bauer for distributing the Mayor's Task Force handbook to all members; spoke to previous discussions on mission, structure and membership and asked Task Force Members for suggestions on any changes

Member Bestolarides, Chair for Education and Employment Sub-Committee - spoke to goals and objectives of this sub-committee; recommends separating employment from education due to

broad education needs within the disabled community

Member Vigil - requested clarification on chair and co-chair duties within a sub-committee as referenced in handbook

Chair Aguillard - explained differences on duties of the sub-committee chair and co-chair; spoke to separating out sub-committee sections of youth and community development as well as education and employment; spoke to changing and updating the structure, membership, mission statement, meeting structure and the purpose.

Member Nicholson - noted the handbook, created in 2006, contained outdated information; referenced handbooks of other California cities which included awarding businesses and services that acknowledged individual and lifestyle disabilities and mentorship opportunities

Chair Aguillard - spoke to using available materials and handbooks from Sacramento, San Jose and San Diego to draft the handbook; a draft included a recognition breakfast to recognize businesses

Member Lewis - additional comments regarding the recognition program for businesses that employed persons with disabilities and businesses that were accessible and welcoming, and encouraged looking at materials and handbooks from other cities

Vice Chair Nuss - supports Member Nicholson's ideas of creating more inclusivity in certain areas such as education and mobility; make designs inclusive to disabled users; make it a guiding principle of goals

Chair Aguillard - provided draft of Disability Accommodation Request form for the Mayor's office to consider; Cameron Burns of the Mayor's Office will check if there is a form already in use

Vice Chair Nuss - spoke to City of Stockton website accessibility issues for the disabled

Chair Aguillard - spoke to the sub-committee's purpose is to listen to the needs of the community and provide feedback to Mayor's Task Force

Member Nicholson - requested updated demographic information on percentage of disabled people within Stockton and San Joaquin County; Cameron Burns responded, no updated information was available and will contact San Joaquin Council of Governments for information

Member Vigil - requested specific demographic information on diversity of disabilities

Public Comment made on matters not on the agenda:

Marilyn Chadwick - requested information on Lyme Disease; spoke to medical abuse and autism

Member Bestolarides - stated Valley Mountain Regional Center as resource for regional information; some demographic information protected by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws

Vice Chair Nuss - suggested breaking down the demographics into sub-categories; supports looking at autism in the areas of career development and educating employers, and the benefits of hiring employees with autism

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS OR COMMENTS

Member Nicholson - shared experience serving on a committee assigned to designate hospitals as certified stroke centers; Inner Safari Caregiver Conference, Saturday November 4, 2017 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Robert Cabral Agricultural Center

Member Bestolarides - requested clarification on consensus to separate sub-committees; offered to draft the sub-committee missions and goals to be considered by Mayor's Task Force members

Member Vigil - spoke to adding a communication sub-committee

Member Barrett - spoke to San Joaquin County Housing Board meeting announcements; suggested a sub-committee for homeless

Member Bauer - provided an update on Public Works project discussions and meetings on painted crosswalk location requests; shared information on Community Center for the Blind Dining in the Dark Fundraiser, Friday October 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Waterloo Gun and Bocce Club; White Cane Safety Event, Caldwell Park, Tuesday, October 17, Whirlow's Restaurant donating portion of proceeds

8. ADJOURNMENT - 4:05 PM


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