

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH/ALLEGHENY COUNTY  
TASK FORCE ON DISABILITIES**

**February 17, 1999**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** United Cerebral Palsy  
4638 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

**Members Present:** Judith Barricella, Chairperson, Ruth Walter Brenyo, William Coleman, Al Condeluci, Paul O’Hanlon

**Members Absent:** Linda Dickerson, Richard McGann

**Others Present:** Theresa Lomperski

The minutes of the January 27, 1999 meeting were approved.

B. Coleman indicated that he spoke with Action Housing regarding the accessible parking spaces on William Penn Way. They will speak with the building owner who will initiate a letter to Fred Reginella, City of Pittsburgh, Director, Engineering & Construction to reinstall accessible parking spaces on this street.

T. Lomperski distributed a letter addressed from her to the Task Force on downtown parking issues. She reviewed the letter and indicated that she was in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Parking Authority and the City of Pittsburgh Department of Engineering & Construction to discuss how to improve parking for people with disabilities in downtown Pittsburgh.

T. Lomperski distributed packets for filing for County Board. She asked that the Task Force members share this information with anyone they felt interested in running. Extra copies were left with A. Condeluci.

The Commonwealth Mentor Group (CMG) presented a proposal for planning the 1999 Housing Conference. Discussion followed. The proposal was approved. Funding for the project will be discussed and verified with Joyce Redmerski. B. Coleman asked that a time and place be determined first. Possible dates and sites were discussed—August 18 or 25, 1999 at the University of Pittsburgh Union were identified. Other sites were presented to the CMG for consideration. Participants and presenters were also discussed, as was conference framework. All issues were presented to CMG for consideration, organization, and coordination.

R. Brenyo raised the Disability Agenda 2000 project. She suggested that Judy receive notices of sector meetings.

J. Barricella discussed the “Small Differences” video. She indicated that Perry Como (not the singer ☺) was interested in having 500 copies made. Discussion followed related to profits to the Task Force and procedures for proceeding with such a large order. Motion was made and approved to work with Perry on the issue. Judy to follow-up. Judy indicated that there was an interest from Jennifer Drummy to use pieces of the video—taking the ideas and concepts represented in the video out of context. Judy and other Task Force members agreed that the integrity of the video would be compromised and therefore, this would not be approved. Reference was made to producing a sequel—little discussion.

A. Condeluci opened the discussion regarding "Meet the County Executive" by presenting the thoughts of the Rehab Steering Committee and the Coalition of Aging Providers. These two groups are interested in participating in such an event as co-sponsors with the Task Force on Disabilities. Al recommended the development of a planning committee that would include two members of each committee. T. Lomperski recommended the inclusion of herself and Teekie Smith. Al and the Committee agreed. Al and B. Coleman will represent the Task Force. Al will organize a meeting for all members to be held within the next week or so. It is hoped that the event would involve all candidates in April (before the Primary). It is thought that the format will include two questions presented from each co-sponsor group (total of six questions) presented to the candidates in a round-table/forum setting with a moderator. The wish is that this does not turn into a debate but is an information session about the candidate positions on issues related to people with disabilities in Allegheny County. The League of Women Voters was discussed as a possible moderator, among others. The Convention Center, University of Pittsburgh, Heinz Conference Room were identified as possible sites, among others. WQED was discussed as a possible media source/resource.

STAFF NOTE: The Commonwealth Mentor Group proposal was included with these minutes for those not in attendance only. The letter from T. Lomperski regarding parking was already sent to those members not in attendance.

**THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING: DATE: MARCH 18, 1999**  
**TIME: 9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM**  
**LOCATION: CITY/COUNTY BUILDING**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Subsequent meetings are scheduled on the following dates and will be located at UCP unless notified.

May 14	9:30 am – 11:30 am
July 9	9:30 am – 11:30 am
September 10	9:30 am – 11:30 am
November 12	9:30 am – 11:30 am

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