MINUTES OF CITY OF WHARTON MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CALLED REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, November 8, 2023 8:00 a.m.

Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne declared a Called Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 8:21 a.m.

Committee Members Present:	Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne, Vice-Chairperson Johnnie Gonzales, Committee Member Sheena Barbee, and Delia Gonzales.
Committee Members Absent:	Committee Member Faye Evans
Staff Members present were:	Claudia Velasquez, Building Official
Visitors:	Amber Barbee, Director of Counseling & Disability Services at Wharton County Junior College

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes for meeting held Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Vice-Chairperson Johnnie Gonzales motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Committee Member Sheena Barbee seconded the motion. All in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to discuss and review November's financial report. No action taken.

The third item on the agenda was to review and discuss 2024 Projects. A commitment made amongst committee to start and complete projects for 2024.

A) Advocacy:

- 1. ADA Parking & Signage: Committee agreed to assist with parking signage at the Wharton Texana Center located at 1017 N Alabama Road. Pending date and time to install signage.
- 2. Handicap Ramp Assistance Program: City liaison will contact Habitat for Humanity for an update on 1805 Hendon.

B) Community:

- 1. Accessible Park Bench & Table for Croom Park II. City staff still gathering additional quotes to submit to City Council. In meantime, date and time will be scheduled to install ADA bench. No action taken.
- 2. Valentines Dance committee agreed on Friday, February 9th.

- 3. Committee Fundraiser Committee Member Sheena will reach out to local restaurant to assist with fundraiser on March 21st 2024.
- 4. Touch a Truck Committee agreed to participate and will be gathering supplies for event.
- C) Education: Members discussed ideas for pamphlet and design potential local partner Angels Health Care.

Open Discussion

ADA Parking & Signage Wharton Texana Center located at 1017 N Alabama Road. Supplies and information for Committee to distribute during events.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment. Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne moved to adjourn. Committee Member Faye Evans seconded the motion. All voted in favor meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Cheryl Lavergne, Chairperson

Faye Evans, Secretary