



**CITY OF WHARTON  
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 09, 2023  
8:00 AM**

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**A G E N D A**  
**CITY OF WHARTON**  
**Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 09, 2023**  
**City Hall - 8:00 AM**

**Call to Order.**

**Roll Call.**

**1. Review & Consider:**

1. Reading of the minutes for the regular meeting held July 12, 2023.
2. Financial Report
3. 2023 Project: Advocacy
4. 2023 Projects: Community
5. 2023 Project: Education
6. Open Discussion

**Adjournment.**

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## MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/9/2023	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Reading of the minutes for the regular meeting held July 12, 2023.
<p>At this time, the Committee may review and consider the reading of the minutes for the regular meeting held July 12, 2023.</p>			
<b>Building Official Asst:</b> Shaniah Fisher		<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, August 1, 2023	
<b>Approval:</b> s/ Cheryl Lavergne			
<b>Chairperson:</b> Cheryl Lavergne			

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
CALLED REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 12, 2023  
8:00 a.m.**

Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne declared a Called Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 8:11 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne, Committee Member Johnnie Gonzales, Committee Member Delia Gonzales, and Committee Member Faye Evans

Committee Members Absent: Vice-Chairperson Adraylle Watson,

Visitors: Sheena Barbee

Staff Members present were: Claudia Velasquez, Building Official  
Shaniah Fisher, Assistant to Building Official.

The first item on the agenda was to complete election of officers. Committee Member Faye Evans motioned to vote Cheryl Lavergne as Chairperson. Johnnie Gonzales seconded the motion. Cheryl Lavergne was voted unanimously to Chairperson by all members present. Committee Member Cheryl Lavergne motioned to vote Committee member Johnnie Gonzales to Vice Chairperson. Committee Member Delia Gonzales seconded the motion. Committee member Johnnie Gonzales was voted unanimously to Vice Chairperson by all members present. Committee Member Johnnie Gonzales motioned to vote Committee member Faye Evans as Secretary. Committee Member Cheryl Lavergne seconded the motion. Committee member Faye Evans was voted unanimously to Secretary by all members present.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes for meeting held Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne Motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairperson Johnnie Gonzales seconded the motion.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and discuss 2023 Projects. A commitment made amongst committee to start and complete projects for 2023.

A) Advocacy:

1. ADA Parking & Signage: Members agreed to check apartment complex's parking lots that may be in need of signage for residents.

2 Handicap Ramp Assistance: No action taken

B) Community:

1. Accessible Park Bench & Table for Croom Park II. Committee was advised the concrete pad has been marked out for placement and quotes are being submitted to public works. A potential donation for ADA accessible playground equipment was discussed; quotes will be requested and if received in time will be provided for the next meeting.
2. Halloween Party scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Food, supplies, and Committee member donations were agreed upon.

C) Education:

1. The committee discussed potential Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities pamphlets and possible resources to include in pamphlets.

D) Open Discussion

1. Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne requested to plan a summer time dance hosted by The Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities for summer 2024. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment. Farmers Market, ADA Park bench and table, Halloween Dance. Chairperson Cheryl Lavergne moved to adjourn. Vice-Chairperson Johnnie Gonzales seconded the motion. All voted in favor meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

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Cheryl Lavergne, Chairperson

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Faye Evans, Secretary

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## MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/9/2023	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Financial Report
At this time, the Committee may review and discuss financial report attached.			
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<b>Approval:</b> /s/ Cheryl Lavergne			
<b>Chairperson:</b> Cheryl Lavergne			

**Mayor's Committee on People of Disabilities  
Financial Statement as of August 1, 2023  
Fiscal Year 2022-23**

			<i>Previous Month's Totals</i>
<b>Revenue</b>	<i>(Donations)</i>	<b>\$8,746.65</b>	<b>\$7,946.65</b>
4/25/2023	Contribution to ADA Bench	<b>\$800.00</b>	
	H.E.B Gift Cards(Remaining)	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$340.00</b>

<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>Expenses:</b>			
10/12/22	Amazon: (6) Noise Reduction Earmuffs	\$83.10	
10/12/22	Theresa Wittig: (4) Earmuffs Monogrammed	\$40.00	
10/12/22	Custom Creations: Committee Shirts	\$286.00	
10/12/22	The Flower Shoppe	\$57.90	
10/15/22	Theresa Wittig: (6) Earmuffs Monogrammed	\$54.00	
10/21/22	H.E.B: Sugar Free Cookies	\$57.94	
	Dollar General: Extra Cookies & Extra Items for		
10/27/22	Goodie Bag	\$20.00	
11/01/22	WalMart: Post Halloween Decorations	\$106.96	
	American Legion: Reimbursement/Halloween		
11/09/22	Dance	\$103.55	
01/08/23	WalMart: Valentines Table Cloths/Napkins	\$55.43	
01/11/23	Handicap Parking Signs (6)	\$51.93	
01/11/23	Touch A Truck Sensory Toys/Stickers	\$79.77	
	<i>Donation towards WCYF Special Friends Day</i>		
01/11/23	<i>(HEB Gift Cards)</i>	\$300.00	
02/07/23	<i>Valentines Dance Items (HEB Gift Cards)</i>	\$200.00	
02/09/23	Storage Boxes- Valentine's Décor	\$77.18	
02/10/23	Claudia Velasquez: Little Caesars + Supplies	\$175.83	
02/15/23	Valentine's Décor for 2024	\$23.08	
03/08/23	Habitat For Humanity Donation: 1805 Hendon Ramp	\$1,000.00	
03/24/23	Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches	\$1,290.00	
04/26/23	TerraBound ADA Bench and Picnic Table	\$2,048.00	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$6,110.67</b>	<b>\$1,272.67</b>

<b>Available Funds:</b>	<i>(Revenue + City Contribution)</i>	<b>\$2,775.98</b>	
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/9/2023	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	2023 Project: Advocacy
<p>At this time, the Committee may review and consider the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ADA Parking &amp; Signage: Members agreed to check apartment complexes that could use additional signage for parking.</li> <li>2. Handicap Ramp Assistance: - no updates at this time <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. 1805 Hendon Check was delivered to Habitat for Humanity &amp; building permit has been issued for back door ramp.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>			
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/9/2023	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	2023 Projects: Community
<p>At this time, the Committee may review and consider community projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accessible Park Bench &amp; Table: Croom Park II-207 Croom                  Table and bench have been assembled. Concrete pad marked up for estimates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Halloween Dance: Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee members agreed on 125 boxes of pizzas from Little Caesar's = 1,000 slices</li> <li>• Johnnie Gonzales- donation of water bottles</li> <li>• Pilot club (Faye Evans)- donation of sugar free Kool-Air &amp; wafer cookies</li> <li>• Donation request needed to Sonic and/or McDonalds for Cups, lids, and straws</li> <li>• Gloves, Napkins, baggies for wafers &amp; Plates are needed.</li> <li>• Water, CheezIts, &amp; wafers will be placed at every seat to provide a snack before the pizza.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">A letter for a donation request was received from Hased House of Wharton.                  Letter is attached to the meeting agenda for review by all committee members</p>			
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**RECEIVED**

BY: SF DATE: 7/13/23

June 27, 2023

Dear Committee Members,

You may have noticed Hesed House has been hard at work renovating multiple structures to expand community programming adjacent to Dinosaur Park. In addition to completing facility renovations, we are now making the addition of inclusive outdoor space a priority. We envision a future where all ages and abilities can gather in outdoor spaces for community events.

In summer of 2022, Hesed House built a large shade and light pergola thanks to a generous grant from BACODA (Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol). We have since added a garden, fountain, and two wood sculptures donated in memory of beloved community members. We recently received a generous donation of high quality artificial turf that can help us build out this space for year round outdoor activities without worry of insects, mud, or uneven surfaces. This donation from Piper Whitney is valued at approximately \$20,000!


Hesed House of Wharton is now actively seeking donations to add permeable pavers, sidewalks, and amenities to make this space accessible to all ages and abilities, by connecting handicap accessible parking to the outdoor space, as well as the art house. We currently have \$40,000 committed to this project, with \$15,000 of these funds coming from CenterPoint Energy Foundation. Our goal is to complete this project by late summer in partnership with Piper Whitney and we would love nothing more than to have this plaza area be a community-wide labor of love.

We know you agree that community members of all ages and abilities deserve the opportunity to fully participate in community activities and we invite you to help make that a possibility. We love recognizing our donors and would be thrilled to celebrate The Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities as a contributor to Peace Plaza.

Please feel free to contact us at [skonvicka@hesedhousewtx.org](mailto:skonvicka@hesedhousewtx.org) or 979-531-3030 with any questions or to schedule a visit.

Sincerely,

  
Stephanie Konvicka  
Executive Director

  
Lauren Lathon  
President

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## MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/9/2023	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	2023 Project: Education
<p>At this time, the Committee may review and consider ideas for education.</p> <p>Committee Pamphlets:  <i>Members previously discussed resource pamphlets for elderly and disabled; all members should bring forth any possible resources to add to the pamphlet and decide on a design.</i></p>			
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/9/2023	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Open Discussion
<p>At this time the committee may discuss upcoming items to be placed as agenda items.                  Next meeting September 13, 2023.</p>			
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