



Theo Hutchings Taskforce on Building an Inclusive Environment for Children with Diverse Abilities

WHEREAS, every child is unique, has innate value, and deserves the opportunity to grow in a supportive and inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, as a community, it is our responsibility to build inclusive environments that utilize universal design principles for supporting children with diverse abilities; and

WHEREAS, universal design principles involve creating spaces and experiences that are accessible and usable to the greatest extent possible regardless of age, ability, and background; and

WHEREAS, for children with special needs, creating inclusive environments is crucial for their development and future well-being; and

WHEREAS, by including children with special needs, the entire community is enhanced and enriched; and

WHEREAS, building an inclusive environment requires understanding the need for universal accommodations, building partnerships with families and specialists in our community, fostering an inclusive culture, providing sensory experiences, and employing universal design principles for a supportive and engaging environment; and

WHEREAS, the Sugar Hill community would benefit from the creation of an ad hoc taskforce focused on Building an Inclusive Environment for Children with Diverse Abilities; and

WHEREAS, such a taskforce shall be comprised of parents with special needs children, special education service providers, support personnel at local schools, parks and recreation staff from the City of Sugar Hill, and other stakeholders appointed by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, a chairman of the taskforce shall be appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the taskforce shall meet at the discretion of the chairman and provide a written report of findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council no later than December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, support for the taskforce shall be provided by city staff as assigned by the City Manager.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sugar Hill do hereby create the Theo Hutchings Taskforce on Building an Inclusive Environment for Children with Diverse Abilities.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2024, by the Mayor and City Council of Sugar Hill.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Alvin Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem

Taylor Anderson, Council Member

Meg Avery, Council Member

Joshua Page, Council Member

Gary Pirkle, Council Member