

Handicapped present needs to city council

The handicapped need a special city office concerned with their problems, Arlington city councilmen were told last week.

Jim Hayes, UTA coordinator of educational support services, and Sam Provence of the Arlington Handicapped Study Group presented a list of needs to the council members. Councilmen received the recommendations,

but were pessimistic about chances for their implementation, Hayes said afterwards.

Hayes told councilmen that handicapped UTA students are gaining an education and marketable skills. However, he noted these students' interests are not served by providing "a pseudo-environment with all the ramps and facilities and programs...if the individual graduate goes to the city and finds that there are no facilities geared to help him."

The Arlington Study Group presented councilmen a list of 16 items needed by the handicapped in Arlington. The items ranged from pay telephone to taxi van service geared to the needs of the handicapped. Day-care services for the more severely handicapped are needed as well, Hayes said, and special attention should be paid to the needs of persons with spinal cord injuries.



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