



Department of Public Works
Disability Compliance Program

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 12, 2000, 6:30 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

Times are approximate. Please note, the Commission takes a 15 minute break around 8:00 pm.

Commission Action: The Commission may take action related to any subjects listed on the agenda.

Roll Call

Introduction of Commissioner Wilcox

Comments from the Public (each speaker is limited to 3 minutes)

Announcements

Review of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes-March 8, March 15, March 18, March 24, 2000 Meetings *

BUSINESS

Presentation:

1. Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Task Force Evaluation and Recommendation *
(Zachary Wald, Assistant Planner, Health & Human Services)
2. Affordable Housing Associates proposed project on University Avenue *
(Ali Kashani, Director of Affordable Housing Associates)

For Discussion and Possible Action

1. Prioritizing subcommittee recommendations for upcoming year work plan:

- a. Outreach Subcommittee:
 - i. Work with banks and credit unions on access issues.
 - ii. Work with "mom & pop" stores on access issues and training
 - iii. Set up data base for business access problems (possibly use intern for survey)
 - iv. Develop brochure on how to make businesses more accessible
 - v. Outreach into South and West Berkeley
 - vi. Coordinate with Center for Independent Living, Ed Roberts Campus, and other community organizations
 - vii. Write brochure about Commission on Disability
 - viii. Recommend "kudos" awards for businesses working with disabled community

 - b. Transportation Subcommittee
 - i. Review and adopt Accessible Parking Policy
 - ii. Monitor critical issues of Transportation Commission, including the following:
 - Bus shelters
 - Taxi programs
 - Outreach and paratransit complaints
 - Renewal of Measure B
 - Investigate grant possibilities for van (ramp) taxis
 - Work with implementing recommendation on Bike/Pedestrian Task Force & Berkeley Bike Coalition on Traffic Calming
2. "Santa Rosa lights" (motion detector lights) and possible recommendation for use at Ashby/Piedmont intersection.
 3. Do Traffic Calming Subcommittee, Commission on Disability, and Commission on Aging have equal say re: Council's mandate to study vertical deflection devices, or, should joint subcommittee be formed?
 4. Concerns regarding 1) location ("ghettoization") of 9 disability organizations at Ed Roberts Campus (does community at-large benefit from having organizations all in one location); 2) would Ed Roberts really support this project?
 5. Recommending letter to support Sasha Futran continuance as consultant of Warm Pool Contract.
 6. Recommendation regarding continued non-accessibility of voting places.
 7. Recommendation concerning regulation and education of public on drivers using cell phones in Berkeley.

8. Direct school district to provide accommodation for elevator at Berkeley School District main building; investigate solutions to retrofit current elevators and assure new building elevators have mechanics necessary for disabled to operate independently.
9. Commissioner Wilcox appointment(s) to subcommittees and liaison.

Reports from Subcommittees

1. Housing (Wangeman, Rodolfo-Sioson, Rabkin)
 - Recommendations to Housing Advisory Commission for Housing Trust Fund applications *
 - Issues to be resolved at 1518 Dwight Way

Staff Report

1. Report on what monies are available for earthquake proofing residences.
2. Setting limit of 40 hours per month Public Works staff time to work on Commission business.
3. Availability of commission agendas and minutes on website; public works to begin charging for citizen mailings.

Items for Future Agenda- *identifying items for consideration at the next meeting*

- Review and adopt Accessible Parking Policy

Adjournment