



Department of Public Works

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 10, 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.

**\*\*Note to Commissioners: MOST OF THE APRIL AGENDA HAS BEEN CARRIED OVER TO MAY-PLEASE BRING APRIL PACKETS WITH YOU.**

### Roll Call

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

### Announcements

### Review of the Agenda

**Approval of Minutes-** April 12, 2000 Meeting \*

### BUSINESS

#### 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. 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?
  3. "Santa Rosa lights" (motion detector lights) and possible recommendation for use at Ashby/Piedmont intersection.
  4. 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?
  5. Evaluate and make recommendation on options to be considered for the Warm Pool/Fitness Center that may include any or all of the following: renovation, maintenance, creation, advise, policy-setting, coordination, fundraising, staffing/consulting, relationship between City and School District and other attendant issues and policies.
  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. Review and adopt Accessible Parking Policy.
10. Request that City Council write letter to AC Transit supporting Living Wage for Paratransit Drivers.
11. Recommendation to not allocate funds to Berkeley TRIP, as requested by the Planning Commission, but to dedicate the money to Paratransit instead.

### **Reports from Subcommittees**

1. Housing (Rodolfo-Sioson, Rabkin)
  - Issues to be resolved at 1518 Dwight Way
  - Ineffective communication creating unsafe/inaccessible conditions at Redwood Gardens caused poor management
  - Recommendation regarding Owner-Occupancy Eviction Abuse Prevention Ordinance 2000.
2. Disaster (Rodolfo-Sioson)
  - Project Impact in relation to use of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds.

### **Staff Report**

1. Report on what monies are available for earthquake proofing residences.

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

### **Adjournment**