

COMMISSION ON AGING
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEES
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2001

Attendance:

Commission on Aging: Charlie Betcher

Commission on Disability: Karen Craig, Marissa Shaw and Emily Wilcox

Staff: Gene Biggins, Beverly Bolden and Rosemary Dady

Review of minutes: It was moved, seconded and carried (Craig/Betcher; Wilcox abstained) to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2000 meeting, with the following changes to ensure that the amended minutes reflect that: 1) Commissioners requested written budget information; 2) Commissioners requested staff to transfer prior agendas, minutes and other information related to the Transportation Subcommittee from Housing Department staff to Disability Services staff; and 3) Commissioners asked Beverly Bolden to attend the next Transportation Subcommittee meeting, not the next paratransit meeting.

Paratransit: Gene Biggins presented information regarding Berkeley's paratransit program.

Requests made by Commissioners: Commissioners made the following requests of staff: 1) provide information regarding the eligibility criteria for the the various services available through Berkeley's paratransit program (i.e., van and taxi scrip and ADA paratransit subsidy) and a comparative analysis of the maximum amount of scrip available to consumers via each of the various services, including information regarding the monetary value of the services, number of trips available and costs to consumers; 2) devote more than 0.10 FTE staff time to paratransit activities; 3) provide a copy of any rules related to the paratransit program; 4) provide a written explanation of what rules are fixed and which are discretionary; 5) provide information regarding when the City's contracts for paratransit services with van and taxi companies would be subject to renewal; 6) ensure that any restrictions on availability of scrip be equitable.

Future meetings: Commissioners requested that the Subcommittee meet again before its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26, 2001 and set a tentative meeting date of January 16, 2001 at 2:30 P.M. Commissioners also requested that a future agenda item include meeting with representatives of those van and taxi companies that contract with the City to provide paratransit services.