



Commission on Disability

**Commission on Disability**  
Special Meeting  
February 28, 2001  
**Revised Minutes**

Roll call: 7:30 p.m. Start of meeting was held up for one hour until sign language interpreters arrived.

Present: Charlie Betcher, Karen Craig, Norm Rabkin, Miya Rodolfo-Sioson, Karen Rose, Marissa Shaw, Delia Todd, Emily Wilcox

Not present: Robert Smith

Staff present: Rene Cardinaux, Eric Dibner

**Announcements:** Emily Wilcox announced a decision in a federal lawsuit upholding the applicability of ADA's Title II at the state level. Karen Craig announced Commissioner Betcher's eightieth birthday. Miya Rodolfo-Sioson announced the March 6 Commissioner Training would be counted as a special meeting. Charlie Betcher thanked staff for getting a hazardous bus stop sign removed. Karen Craig announced there would not be an Outreach Subcommittee meeting on March 3. Delia Todd stated that Alta Bates hearing tests had given her a headache and she felt they were not good.

**Agenda review:** The item regarding taxicabs and the Paratransit Program was removed from the agenda until Commission on Aging and Commission on Disability representatives can meet together.

**Actions and Discussion:** *All actions are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.*

**Budget:** The Commission reviewed the draft memorandum for FY 2002 and FY 2003 Budget Request. Commissioner Rose said her research indicated audible signals could be installed at all Berkeley traffic signals for \$571,000. Rene Cardinaux discussed the costs of items in the memorandum, at around \$636,000 per year if spread over three years, and recommended the Commission identify priorities. Issues raised in the discussion included staff training especially for Police, outreach to the business community, charging stations for emergency use in power outages, finding and obtaining grant funding, pedestrian facility improvements, captioning for BTV, the housing campaign, and coordination between City departments.

It was moved, seconded, carried (Wilcox/Betcher) to go forward with the recommendations in the memo if staff does not have time to make revisions. (ABSTAIN: Shaw)

**ADA Transition Plan:** Discussion held over to the March meeting, after the General Plan is discussed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.