



Commission on Disability

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Regular Meeting
March 14, 2001
Minutes

Roll call: 6:40

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

Not present: Delia Todd

Staff present: Eric Dibner

Public Comment: Ray Dobard of South Berkeley Dispossessed Developers asked the assistance of the Commission regarding a proposed non-profit community project over the Ashby BART Station west parking lot. Arlene Merryman stated that sidewalk hazards are getting worse in Berkeley.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was moved, seconded, carried (Smith/Rabkin) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2001, with a revision to the last item (in italics): “Budget: Commissioner Wilcox summarized priorities as 1) adequate qualified staff *for the disability office*, 2) transportation improvements, and 3) adequate training *for emergency services staff*.”

It was moved, seconded, carried (Craig/Betcher) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2001, with a revision to the first line (in italics): “Start of meeting was held up *for one hour* until sign language interpreters arrived.”

Budget: The Commission reviewed the redrafted memorandum for FY 2002 and FY 2003 Budget Request. It was moved, seconded (Rose/Smith) to spend \$80,000 from the current fiscal year (FY 01) to install audible signals at twenty intersections and to request \$100,000 in FY 02. A substitute motion was moved, seconded, carried (Shaw/Craig) to use \$55,000 from current fiscal year (FY 01) ADA funding to provide captioning for BTV Channel 25, to spend \$50,000 from the current fiscal year for installation of audible signals, and to request \$80,000 for audible signals in each upcoming budget for FY 02, FY 03, and FY 04. (AYES: Betcher, Craig, Rabkin, Rodolfo-Sioson, Shaw, Smith, Wilcox; NOES: Rose; ABSENT: Todd)

It was moved, seconded, carried (Wilcox/Rose) to go forward with the recommendations in the budget proposal, with the alteration just passed, and indicate in the last paragraph of the memorandum that staffing is the number one priority.

General Plan: Commissioner Rodolfo-Sioson presented recommendations from the Housing Subcommittee. It was moved, seconded, carried (Wilcox/Betcher) to approve the report of the Subcommittee. Commissioner Craig presented additional recommendations for the Housing Element of the General Plan. It was moved, seconded, carried (Craig/Rose) to accept those recommendations. Written recommendations were presented from the Transportation Subcommittee. It was moved, seconded, carried (Rose/Betcher) to approve the report of the Subcommittee. Commissioners presented and discussed additional recommendations regarding the Land Use, Disaster Preparedness and Safety, Open Space and Recreation, and Citizen Participation Elements. It was moved, seconded, carried (Rose/Betcher) to accept all the above comments on the General Plan. (See attachment.)

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