

City of Santa Rosa Community Advisory Committee

Minutes of July 26, 2006 ADA Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Finley Community Center—Cypress Room

Community Advisory Committee Members present:

Larry Henzerling, Community Resources for Independence

Margo Merck, Community Housing Development Corporation Santa Rosa

Phil Swetin, Earle Baum Center of the Blind, Inc.

Shirlee Zane, Council on Aging

City Staff Members present:

Lynne Margolies, Risk Management

Mardell Morrison, Risk Management

Ed Buonaccorsi, General Services Administration

Steve Kroeck, Public Works

Mike Ivory, Transit & Parking

Jason Nutt, Public Works

Mirella Stevens, Risk Management

Greg Scoles, City Manager's Office

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. TRANSITION PLAN OVERVIEW

- Mardell Morrison provided an update of the City's ADA Transition Plan including the near completion of surveying all City buildings for compliance with ADA for public access. The City's ADA web page has been updated and we will be looking at providers to convert various areas into written format for better access within the next couple of years. The City will be replacing the sound system in the Council Chambers and is looking at FM loop type systems. We will also look at updating the sound systems in some meeting rooms to include an FM Loop system.

3. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Public Works:

Steven announced that the City has been up-grading signal lights for pedestrian crossing.

Public Comment:

- Citizen would like to see the push button lowered for citizens with wheelchair disabilities, on 4th and Hwy. 12 and would prefer to have the timer for the pedestrian crossing to be left on longer. *City Response:* The standard time for street crossing is 4 ft per second. ADA Coordinator will look at height and timer at this location and follow up with the Public Works Department.
- Citizen concerned that City sidewalks are really bad for blind citizens and the wheelchair impaired. The City is considering implementing a Hotline for Sidewalks problems which will help citizens who are not able to get on line.

- ❑ Citizen is concern about the concrete sidewalk on Marlow off Piner and College being a rollercoaster in addition the holes of the mailboxes that have been removed are not filled on the South side of Piner. ADA Coordinator will look at these areas and follow up with Public Works.

General Services:

Ed noted that work is continuing on the ramp priority list, as well as on CIP projects. ADA projects in construction or recently completed include:

- City Hall
- City Hall Annex
- Senior Center
- Steele Lane Community Center
- Finley Aquatic Center
- Finely Community Center
- Finley Park
- Ridgway Swim Center
- Howarth Park
- Public Safety Building in progress
- MSCN in progress
- MSCS in progress

Public Comment:

- ❑ Franklin Park Building should be included in survey, disability parking signs are fading. *City response:* The area will be evaluated.
- ❑ Shirlee would like to know how entities with encroachment permits get information on ADA and barriers and where this is published. Citizens would like to be notified when they come out. The committee should be aware of the publications. *City response:* When encroachment permits are issued a copy of the (MARDELL FIND THE WORD?- ON OUR WEB) is attached to the permit request. What can be done to publicly post the ordinances that are going out? ADA coordinator will send copies of ordinances to interested parties – they are also available on the City website.
- ❑ Citizens are concern on the major downtown reconstruction that is ongoing. What is being done for the disabled people on streets during the construction. *City Response:* We are asking people to let us know of any problems, so we can correct when in our jurisdiction.

Transit:

Mike announced that the Para Transit contract was signed with MV Transportation. The City has four new lift busses.

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- ❑ Jason Nutt said the City is reviewing all road construction designs with the pedestrian in mind.
- ❑ The Committee thanked Jason Nutt for addressing their issues.

Additional Public Comment:

- ❑ Police and Fire are developing written procedures for people with mobility units and aid animals. What happens to the mobility device in case of a fatality? *City Response:* A standard procedure is in place; all the Police/Fire policies dealing with these issues are being reviewed.
- ❑ Shirlee would like to see some subcommittee meetings addressing ADA issues; it is difficult for the forum to address all issues. Putting things on a newsletter, develop a marketing plan, mailing sheets in the Sonoma Seniors Today, so many countless ways to address the public.

5. MEETING SCHEDULE

- ❑ Group agreed to meet on a quarterly basis.