

Minutes
ADA Subcommittee of the
Social Services Commission
Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Commissioners present: Michelle Reardon
Community members present: Lena Contreras, Lynn Kelleher, Diane Moore,
George Moore (Chair), Shula Shoup,
Staff present: Cameron Gibbs, Sharon Nielson, Willa
Pettygrove,

I. Call to Order; Approve Agenda

Chair George Moore called the meeting to order at 3:38 in the Community Conference Room after Diane Moore showed her quilt with tactile features to those present. The subcommittee approved the agenda with a correction to place the Public Comment before Staff and Commission Reports.

II. Minutes

Minutes of the September 7 and October 26, 2005 meetings were approved as written.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment not covered by other items on the agenda.

IV. Commissioner and Staff Reports

Michelle Reardon reported Kevin Klein has been elected chair of the Social Services Commission, and Michelle is the new vice chair. Michelle still needs to clarify with Kevin who is the liaison and who the alternate to the ADA Subcommittee. The Social Services Commission supports the plans of the ADA Subcommittee to undertake a public education program on guide dog safety. Michelle has followed up with Ann Evans, who attended the last meeting with concerns about housing access. She has found housing and has been referred to Legal Services of Northern California. The Social Service Commission has made a renewed commitment to have at least one member present at City Council meetings.

Willa Pettygrove's report was covered by items elsewhere on the agenda.

V. Old Business

Staff report on the self evaluation and transition plan: A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. Willa has been reluctant to move ahead in engaging the architect consultant because of uncertainty with the reauthorization of CDBG within the HUD budget.

Staff report on public works ADA projects: Cameron Gibbs reported that she has resumed work on parking lots. The pad that was installed was at Fifth and Pole Line, not Fifth and G. She estimates that the City is completing upgrades on approximately 13 curb ramps per year.

Third Street corridor improvements was a project supervise by other Public Works staff. It is still under construction and has experienced delays.

The Audible Pedestrian Signals still have not been installed, and Lynn has been calling Public Works daily. All the parts have been received.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

October 31, 2005

Staff Report

TO: ADA Subcommittee
City of Davis Social Services Commission

FROM: Willa Pettygrove
Community Services Consultant

SUBJECT: Next Step in review of City's ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

Recommendations

Review progress to date and advise on next steps.

Fiscal Impact

Sufficient funds for the consultant and for Phase I of the facilities evaluation were included in the CDBG Architectural Barriers request for 2005-2006.

Background and Analysis

The City completed and published its Self-evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) in July, 1992, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The SETP was completed with significant involvement by the ADA Facilities Advisory Committee, City staff (Sophia Palougatous and others), and the consultant Universal Design Associates of Davis.

In 2005, the Subcommittee requested funding to complete an update of the SETP. The proposed activity would include two components

- The consultant would interview management staff from each department using an open ended interview format (\$6,000 requested for all staffing activities for year). The interviews will establish the scope of work needed for the facility evaluation to be completed by a qualified architect.
- The Subcommittee would engage an architect to do an evaluation of City facilities (\$20,000 requested).

The consultant has nearly completed the interviews for the SETP update. Three items have been identified that should be included in the 2006-2007 Architectural Barriers request:

- Modify counters in Child Care Services and in the main Fire Station for wheelchair access
- Install power assist door(s) in the Police Station

In addition to the interviews, the consultant would like to invite focus groups of hearing impaired youth (one High School and one University) to investigate the need for interpretive services and other accommodations for persons who are hard of hearing or

deaf. There is a need to explore why, in the City's long history of accommodating and providing inclusive recreation, there has been only one request for interpretive services for the hearing impaired. (Assistive listening devices are available for events and meetings, but these would not suffice for persons with more profound hearing loss.)

The rationale for recruiting from student populations for the focus groups is

- They are a "captive audience" and may be more open to participating in a focus group
- They have experienced different types of accommodation in classrooms and lecture halls and may have specific ideas on what works.

The consultant would help to organize the focus groups, which would be facilitated by qualified interpreters.

The architect has not been selected, pending federal authorization of HUD funding. One issue will be finding a way to make the best use of available funds. If possible, an architect will be selected who can train City staff to do the actual review of the facilities, so the architect's role is primarily to analyze the findings, trouble shoot specific problem areas, and write the final plan.