

Minutes
ADA Subcommittee of the
Social Services Commission
Wednesday, July 6, 2005

Commissioners present: Kevin Klein
Community members present: Elaine Anderson, Lena Contreras, Diane Moore, George Moore (Chair), Shula Shoup
Guest Present: Pamela Walker
Staff present: Cameron Gibbs, Willa Pettygrove

I. Call to Order; Approve Agenda

Chair George Moore called the meeting to order at 3:35 in the Community Conference Room after Diane Moore shared the “ADA Quilt” which she had made. In addition to attractive color patterns, it has a variety of tactile features. Introductions followed.

Cameron Gibbs requested that a new business item be added regarding revised Caltrans curb ramp and parking requirements. Willa Pettygrove reported that the video presentation in guide dog safety would be reserved for the September meeting. Agenda approved by consensus with these changes.

II. Approve Minutes of February 11 and May 4, 2005

George Moore stated that the February minutes needed no further correction, so that sentence was removed from the May minutes. The other correction to the May minutes was in the sentence “The units will be visitable but not accessible...” With these corrections the February minutes were approved (MSP Klein, Shoup) as were the May minutes (MSP Gibbs, Klein).

The Subcommittee asked Willa to follow up on the item from May in which Michelle Reardon volunteered to contact Officer Steve Pierce regarding guide dog safety. Cameron noted that there is still a need for some accommodation for hearing impaired persons when communicating through the window at the Police Department.

III. Commissioner and Staff Reports

Commissioner Klein reported that the Social Service Commission is asking for guidance and input on Universal Design in housing. This is an opportunity for the ADA Subcommittee to contribute on the issues of Visitability and Accessibility. Pamela Walker noted that it has taken 8 months for her to find an apartment that she can visit when she comes to Davis. Often apartments are advertised as visitable but have some limitation such as insufficient wheelchair turning radius in the bathroom.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment except for issues elsewhere on the agenda.

V. Old Business

Cameron Gibbs reported on the successful process to receive public input on the Audible Pedestrian Signals for 8th and F and 1st and D intersections. The vendor took the demonstration unit to the site at 1st and D and was able to demonstrate that the ambient noise was sufficient to prevent signal detection except by someone using the unit. Cameron is now working on the spoken messages for each intersection. There were sufficient funds to purchase the signal units and controller, which can be used for if this model of audible signal is installed elsewhere in Davis.

Funds for the Veterans Memorial Theater restrooms have been encumbered. Cameron expects that construction will be completed between August and October 2005 when the theater will be dark.

The Farmers Market parking spaces were completed at a cost of \$22,000.

The Visitability Demonstration project was not completed. However, the CDBG application had stipulated that if funding was not used, it should be used instead for curb ramps and parking. Cameron is meeting with Kathleen Comes the week of July 11, 2005 to clarify the final allocation for these funds.

VI. New Business

Cameron distributed handouts of the Caltrans curb ramp and parking requirements and answered some questions regarding them. Willa Pettygrove asked whether it would be possible to obtain these in an alternative format so that blind members of the committee would be able to review them.

Willa Pettygrove reported on the status of housing policies adopted by Yolo County and by California Housing and Community Development. With the leadership of Supervisor Yamada, Yolo County has a development agreement on Emerald subdivision in Esparto the include Universal Design features in all units. This is market rate housing being developed without public investment. George Moore stated that in spite of repeated efforts to follow up with Ron Javor at California HCD, there has been no progress in the implementation of AB 1400 (Wolk), which would provide model visitability standards for local jurisdictions.

Kevin Klein stated that the next step should be for the Subcommittee to propose language for a Universal Design/visitability ordinance, not restricted to affordable housing. Willa offered to follow up with Supervisor Yamada regarding the background and status of the Emerald subdivision.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.