

City of Santa Rosa Community Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 25, 2007 ADA Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Finley Community Center—Cypress Room

Community Advisory Committee Members present:

Larry Henzerling, Community Resources for Independence

Shirlee Zane, Council on Aging

David Benson, Becoming Independent

Vaughn Held, Community Resources for Independence

Richard Ruge, North Bay Regional Center

City Staff Members present:

Lynne Margolies, Risk Management

Mardell Morrison, Risk Management

Paul Hess, Emergency Preparedness

Mirella Stevens, Risk Management

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

- ❑ Mardell Morrison updated the committee on some of the projects the City has completed over the past quarter to make programs and facilities more accessible. The Recreation and Parks Division has installed a T-loop system that enables citizens with hearing aids to tune those aids into the amplification system for enhanced clarity in the auditorium of the Finley Center and in one of the class rooms at the Senior Center.
- ❑ The Public Works Department has been constructing improved curb ramps in busy locations downtown including at City Hall, by Coddington Shopping Center, on Marlow and Guernville Roads, as part of the 2006 Federal Overlay Project. The entire project is for 80 ramps and totals \$300,000.
- ❑ The Public Works Department is also adding "chirping" devices to traffic light controlled intersections in high foot traffic areas and as requested by citizens in residential areas. Some intersections have speaking devices and raised directional arrows that are being tested.
- ❑ Shirlee Zane bought in copies of the Sonoma Senior Today and shared with the group. The front page included an article on "Looping for better hearing" and on "Universal Design."

3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- ❑ Paul Hess, City of Santa Rosa Emergency Preparedness Program Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan. It is still in draft form and may be accessed on the City's Web Site at www.srcity.org, going to "find it fast" and selecting "Emergency Preparedness." He passed around the COPE (Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) Emergency Neighborhood Preparedness booklet, which was covered at our November 2007 committee meeting. Paul is available to train volunteer citizens to become COPE leaders, which requires two leaders in each neighborhood. The COPE book is available in Word or Adobe format at the same site listed above.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ❑ Citizens inquired on how the City prioritizes sidewalk improvements and how defects are brought to our attention. Mardell advised that this committee helped develop the prioritization system. Specific location concerns can be directed to Public Works or Mardell and a patch can be made until the property owner can make a more permanent fixes.
- ❑ Committee members wanted minutes to reflect their appreciation of the efforts by the employees of the City of Santa Rosa to make its programs and facilities more accessible for all citizens and for keeping this committee active as a mechanism for getting feedback from citizens regarding ADA related issue.

Meeting adjourned