

# **City of Santa Rosa Community Advisory Committee**

## **Minutes of July 25, 2007 ADA Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

Finley Community Center—Person Auditorium

### **Community Advisory Committee Members present:**

Jennifer Frazer, Earl Baum Center of the Blind  
Shirlee Zane, Council on Aging  
Margo Merck, Community Housing Development Corp  
David Benson, Becoming Independent  
Fred Coleman, Becoming Independent  
Kim Maassen, North Bay Regional Center  
Nancy Hall, Community Resources for Independence

### **City Staff Members present:**

Bob Blanchard, Mayor  
Mardell Morrison, Risk Management  
James Zboralske, Police Department  
Michael Whitaker, Community Development  
Michael Ivory, Transit & Parking  
Molly Dillon, Assistant City Attorney  
Mirella Stevens, Risk Management

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

## **2. CITY OF SANTA ROSA MAYOR BOB BLANCHARD - CITY VISION**

Visioning city as a blend of all ages and abilities able to use all facilities and participate in all programs equally; Universal Design theories.

Accomplishments over the past two year:

- ❑ Creation & continued development of the current ADA Advisory Committee January 2005
- ❑ Adoption of current City's ADA Transition Plan January 2006
- ❑ Appointment of an ADA Coordinator to monitor City's ADA Transition Plan and respond to citizen concerns and requests June 2006
- ❑ Encroachment Permit Enforcement Ordinance passed August 2006
- ❑ T-coil hearing amplification systems installed at Finley Auditorium and in a classroom in the Santa Rosa Senior Center; to be installed in Council Chambers and the Transit Training Room this year. 2007
- ❑ Ada sensitivity training for all employees implemented January 2007 and ongoing
- ❑ Emergency evacuation training for citizen's with special needs through City's COPE program 2006 and ongoing

- ❑ Installed chirpers in street lights with controlled cross walks in downtown core area and in outlying areas as requested by citizens
- ❑ Installation of 80 pedestrian access ramps at various locations at a cost of \$300,000 in 2006-2007

3. NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS - SHIRLEE ZANE

David Benson, Becoming Independent, said they are interested in joining Shirlee in her efforts to walk neighborhood with the idea that they would be able to report back to the City any notable hazards or access issues. Margo Merck suggested they also contact the Neighborhood Alliance as 31 neighborhoods are members.

4. FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENTS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR ADA PARATRANSIT SERVICES - MICHAEL IVORY, TRANSIT DIVISION

Michael gave the group a brief overview of the purpose of the functional assessment, the new service provider, and that assessments for citizens applying for ADA Paratransit services began on Monday this week.

5. Shirlee Zane would like the committee members to get copies of the CIP budget for the current year. Mardell will request them from City Accounting and e-mail to all member's of the committee. Shirlee was also concerned about continuous feedback from this committee on the City's ADA Transition and Self Evaluation Plan. The plan is available at the City's Web Site on the ADA web page for anyone's review and a hard copy or alternate format may be request through Mardell by e-mail at [ada@srcity.org](mailto:ada@srcity.org) or phone, (707)543-3037, TDD (707) 543-3063.

6. Citizen requested that City Bus put their scheduled times up at the bus stops so that citizens will know when to expect the bus. He also requested that Public Works consider putting some type of end of sidewalk sign up a corner crossings so that citizens will know there will not be access if they proceed down the sidewalk at locations that dead end in the middle of a block.

Several Citizens expressed their appreciation for the fast response the Public Works Department has given to correcting sidewalk issues when they reported them.

**Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.**