



Agenda Report

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2001
TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT AND FY 2001-2002 WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive annual report and approve the FY 2001-2002 Work Plan for the Accessibility and Disability Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The Accessibility and Disability Commission is comprised of nine (9) members, one each representing a council district, one representing the mayor, and one appointed at-large. The Commission was established by Ordinance No. 6370, published February 1, 1990. As stated in the ordinance, the purpose of the Commission is to advise the City Council of disability issues in Pasadena, and the Commission carries out this mission by studying existing inequities in access to the physical, work, social and cultural environments for all residents of Pasadena, particularly those who have disabilities. The attached annual report describes the prior year's accomplishments and sets forth the Work Plan for FY 2001-2002.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact from this report.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fran Kitrell

Fran Kitrell, Chair
Accessibility and Disability Commission

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

2001 - 2002 WORK PLAN

OF THE

ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

FRAN KITRELL
CHAIR

SANDRA LINDOERFER
VICE CHAIR

STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL

FROM FRAN KITRELL, COMMISSION CHAIR

The Accessibility and Disability Commission is pleased to enclose its record of accomplishments for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. Most of the objectives have been completed. Some objectives have been carried over to the present fiscal year. Others await action by staff.

We look forward to working toward encouraging City compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Our goal is to ensure that all disabled citizens of and guests to our great city are able to utilize its resources and contribute to its unique sense of community.

We appreciate the opportunity of presenting this report. As always we look forward to working with you in the future. Best wishes for a healthy, happy and productive Fiscal Year 2002.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT REGULAR MEETINGS

FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

Commissioners	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
District #1 vacant	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
District #2 Juanita Erwin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
District #3 Constance Griesmer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
District #4 Fran Kitrell	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
District #5 vacant	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
District #6 Marchell Elliott	X	O	O	X	X	O	X	O	X	X	X	X
District #7 Dr. Heidi Paul appointed 9/00	--	--	--	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mayor Sandra Lindoerfer	X	O	O	X	X	X	X	O	O	X	X	X
At-Large Appointee Tom Heaton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

X = PRESENT

O = ABSENT

--- = POSITION VACANT

ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

ROSTER

AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2001

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>FIRST APPOINTED</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
#1	vacant	--	June 2002
#2	vacant		June 2002
#3	Constance Griesmer (serving until October 15, 2001)	July 1995	June 2004
#4	Frances Kitrell	August 1999	June 2004
#5	vacant	--	June 2003
#6	Marchelle Elliott	July 1999	June 2004
#7	Heidi Paul	September 2000	June 2003
Mayor	Sandra Lindoerfer	March 1998	June 2004
At-large	Thomas Heaton	July 1996	June 2002

COMMISSION OFFICERS

CHAIR - Fran Kitrell

VICE CHAIR - Sandra Lindoerfer

ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE 2000-2001 WORKPLAN

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| 1) Advocating that the Health Department address the five access issues at the Pasadena Health Center identified in a Commission memo of May 18, 2000. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 2) Meeting with appropriate City and developer staff to identify accessibility issues at the Paseo Pasadena and to propose resolutions. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 3) Reassessing a barrier removal list for branch libraries and advocate its implementation. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 4) Advocating implementation of existing barrier removal list for Robinson Park Center. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 5) Conducting a quarterly review with Rose Bowl staff on the implementation of accessibility policies at Bowl events. | <i>Partially accomplished.
Two reviews done.</i> |
| 6) Recommending priority locations for the Year 2001 curb ramp construction project. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 7) Convening a meeting of staff, Council representatives, and Parks commissioners to prepare priority list of park accessibility issues to be funded in the next Capital Improvements Program. | <i>Not accomplished. Instead
Commission continued
working with staff of
Public Works.</i> |
| 8) Contributing at least one article to Dial-A-Ride newsletter published by the City. | <i>Not accomplished. Staff
preferred to accept ideas
for the newsletter, but not
articles. Only one news-
letter published during
year.</i> |
| 9) Participating in Dial-A-Ride driver training programs. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 10) Assisting in designing a telephone menu for reserving rides and for learning about Dial-A-Ride policy changes. | <i>Not accomplished.</i> |
| 11) Inviting appropriate City staff to review samples of City documents in formats accessible to people with visual impairments. | <i>Accomplished.</i> |
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| 12) Advocating changes in Dial-A-Ride policies to improve service to people with visual impairments. | <i>Advocacy accomplished, but no recommendations were implemented.</i> |
| 13) Broadening community awareness of the Sensory Disabilities Committee and its activities. | <i>Accomplished.</i> |
| 14) Recommending tactile pedestrian adapters at specific City intersections. | <i>Accomplished but no funding available for implementation.</i> |
| 15) Advocating, at major intersections, bus stop signs with accurate information in braille and raised print. | <i>Advocacy accomplished, but no recommendations were implemented.</i> |
| 16) Holding a community event at a City park to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. | <i>Accomplished</i> |
| 17) Assisting the City to implement a training program on reasonable accommodations in employment. | <i>Partially accomplished. Training program will be completed in FY 2002.</i> |
| 18) Arranging at least quarterly appearances by a commissioner(s) during Public Comment at City Council meetings. | <i>Partially accomplished.</i> |
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OBJECTIVES OF THE 2001-2002 WORKPLAN

Commissioners established 12 objectives and distribute between two subcommittees the responsibility for taking the initiative on achieving them.

The Accessibility Committee is responsible for taking the initiative on:

- 1] Recommend locations for the 2002 curb ramp project.
- 2] Identify accessibility issues in the Arroyo Seco appropriate for addressing in advance of completing master planning for the area.
- 3] Draft a report on accessibility achievements and remaining issues at the Rose Bowl.
- 4] Update the accessibility survey of City parks and prepare a report.
- 5] Draft a report on accessibility achievements and remaining issues at City libraries.
- 6] Review existing guidelines by which the City and Red Cross will provide emergency shelter to disabled people in the event of a major disaster and make recommendations as needed.

The Accessible Transportation Committee is responsible for taking the initiative on:

- 7] Draft a recommendation for a mixed Dial-A-Ride fleet of sedans and vans without reducing the current number of wheelchair accessibility vehicles.
 - 8] Recommend improvements in Dial-A-Ride [a] customer service practices, and [b] the reliability of wheelchair lift and air conditioning equipment on vehicles.
 - 9] Develop a list of accessibility features for the Pasadena Light Rail project.
 - 10] Participate in Dial-A-Ride safety training.
 - 11] Meet with disabled students of Pasadena City College and develop a list of transportation issues of concern to students with disabilities.
 - 12] Have a Commission representative attend at least 2 meetings of the Transportation Advisory Commission in order to identify possible joint project(s).
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