



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Mayor Azari and Members of City Council
From: The Commission on Disability
Date: February 12, 1996
Subject: 1995 Commission on Disability Annual Report

During the year 1995 the Commission on Disability (COD) addressed the following issues:

- Attendance throughout the year was greatly improved over 1994. One reason for this improvement was a change in the by-laws which allowed members to participate through conference calling when unable to attend due to health reasons or transportation complications.
- Resignations from the COD in 1995 included Diane Rehner, Rita McGill, Bob Willmot, Ted Tsai, and Mark Lukens. New members include Tom Branningan (reappointed 12/94), Jacqueline Hyatt (appointed 7/95), Peggy Irish (appointed 7/95), Kathy Lassen (appointed 7/95), and Chris Rock (appointed 11/95).
- Worked with the City Attorney Office and Police Services to make changes to the ordinances governing snow removal from disabled parking spaces and to changes in the City's Model Traffic Code concerning wheelchairs. Fines for parking violations (illegally parked in a designated handicapped parking space) were increased to \$50.00. Both ordinance changes passed City Council successfully.
- Participated in changes to the "Accessible Unit Mix" ordinance governing the number of accessible units in development projects. COD representatives worked with members of the Building Review Board and the City's Building and Zoning Department throughout an arduous process that resulted in the successful changes and adoption by City Council.
- Members of the COD participated in several projects and programs including the Judith Snow lecture and seminar, the Multicultural Community Retreat hosted by the Multicultural Commission and the City of Fort Collins, the Transportation Development Plan, the Dial-a-Ride Advisory Board, and provided input to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The

COD continues to participate with Parks and Recreation and Transportation concerning issues of accessibility for persons with disabilities.

- Continues to work with Tom Chapel of the City's Engineering Department regarding the design and placement of sidewalks and ramps.
- The 1995 Mayor's Awards were held in October with awards were presented to:

Greg Funk	Dorothy Lasley Award
Fort Collins Lions Club	for "improving the quality of life to persons with disabilities"
Cathy Schelly	for "improving the quality of life to persons with disabilities"
Carol Spooner	for "improving the quality of life to persons with disabilities"
- Created, printed, and distributed a "Commission on Disability" brochure detailing the responsibilities and accomplishments of the COD.
- Participated in the City's New West Fest. Members volunteered their time in managing the booth and the activities. One of the activities provided, the "Barriers to Accessibility" obstacle course, was very popular among the New West Fest attendants.
- The COD provided input and suggested questions used in the Dial-a-Ride survey conducted in 1995.

**1995 COD WORKPLAN
ASSIGNMENTS
August 21, 1995**

Workplan Item	Assigned to:	Action Items
1. ADA Access & Accommodation		
Participate in building plan review.	Shirley R., Peggy I.	As required
Assist City Departments and City Boards in ADA implementation	Full Commission	Respond to requests, provide feedback at COD meetings, as requested. (EX: Engineering's ramp program, trail improvements, etc...)
Participate on ADA grievance committee.	Peggy I.	As requested.
Parking and snow removal programs.	Shirley R., Peggy I., Ted T.	Snow removal advertisements Handicapped parking enforcement
2. Communication & Education		
INTERNAL: Orientation for new COD members	_____, Ted T.	
ADA training for COD members	Pete D., Blair L.	
EXTERNAL: Review Survey (from 2/94) on needs of people with disabilities	Ted T.	Public Access Survey to be reviewed.
Host or coordinate barrier awareness event(s)	Kathy L., _____, Ray S., Shirley R., Ted T.	Barrier awareness activity at NewWest Fest 1995
Disability Sensitivity Training	Ted T., _____	Police training (?)

Workplan Item	Assigned to:	Action Items
2. Communication & Education (continued)		
EXTERNAL: Coordinate City-wide awareness Coordinate City-wide awareness Coordinate City-wide awareness Maximize public awareness of shared issues with other community groups/service providers	Kathy L. Blair L. Nancy S. Full Commission	Will work with FortNet to provide Commission information. Annual Mayor's Awards (October) Access to CityLine for persons with hearing impairments Re-visit conference of service providers (September)
3. Policy and Procedure		
Annual Review of By-Laws	Full Commission	Complete. Adopted 11/94
Develop procedure for responding to community issues	_____	Develop written response.
Procedure for issuing statements or letters of commendation	Pete D., Blair L.	
Identify key contacts - establish and maintain influence	Full Commission	Always