



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 17, 2008
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Adapted Recreation Programs Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee Members

Ali Sprott-Roen, Chair	Special Olympics
Libby Whaley	Rehabilitation Institute at Santa Barbara
Alison Forsyth	Tri-Counties Regional Center
Anne Lesley Dupee	UPC/WORK, Inc.
Hilary Andrews	Community at Large
Evelyn Lee	Community at Large
Charles Jefferson	Community at Large
Rick Zabala	Community at Large

Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule

Applications are submitted to the Park and Recreation Commission for consideration of appointment. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each quarter from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center located at 1118 E. Cabrillo Boulevard.

Member Representation

Ada Connor, Liaison from the Park and Recreation Commission to Adapted Programs, attends the meeting on a regular basis. She is an active participant at meetings providing guidance, assistance, and counsel to members and staff.

The committee represents agencies that serve the adapted community and from the community at large. There are currently 8 members, and staff is doing recruitment to fill one vacant position.

Committee Projects/Activities

The committee focused on assisting staff in determining ways to increase recreation opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in order to provide them with a wider selection of recreation services. The committee members continued to get the word out to their participants on programming offered by the Department. In order to maximize resources, the committee provided direction on collaborative projects hosted with other agencies. This year they included Victory Dance (Special Olympics), Hot on Life (Rehabilitation Institute, UCSB Adapted Recreation and Blaze Sports), Outlook Group (Rehabilitation Institute), and People First meetings (Tri-counties Regional Center).

To better understand disabled resources within our community, the meeting format has changed. Instead of only City staff reporting on programming, each agency provides a brief update of their upcoming events and services. The information sharing helps get the word out, and present opportunities for collaboration.

Several advisory members attended the City of Santa Barbara ADA Transition Plan public meetings and assisted the City in identifying project priorities. Adapted staff shared their list of resource providers to assist the City in developing the "ADA Resources for Staff" to be used for assisting with all types of disability accommodations.

Recommendations/Concerns

At an advisory meeting held earlier this year, it was indicated that the Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp would not be held due to lack of funding. This spring, the Rehabilitation Institute was able to step forward to assist UCSB in planning and coordinating the event for summer 2008.

No other recommendations or concerns were provided by the committee.