



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 11, 2007
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Adapted Recreation Programs Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: **Annual Advisory Committee Report For Fiscal Year 2007**

Committee Members

Ali 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
Rick Van Hoorn	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 4th Thursday 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 was reduced in size from 11 members to 9 members. The committee represents agencies that serve the adapted community and from the community at large. There are currently 8 members, and staff is doing a recruitment to fill the 1 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), People First meetings (Tri-counties Regional Center), and Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp (UCSB Adapted Recreation) and Community SoloRider Open House (Golf).

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

Recommendations/Concerns

The committee is pleased with the addition of the permanent part-time Inclusion coordinator position and the assistance this position will provide to Department-wide program participants.