

## **MCPD Parks and Recreation Report Aug/Oct 2007 Hilo meeting**

### **Recreation Division**

Observed 2 teens with autism in a beginner Judo class. Personal assistants were present but did not participate in the class. The teens were attentive and seemed to enjoy themselves! Working with Sensei on Inclusive Judo Class for teens and adults to premier in January.

Children at Mt View gym created Halloween decorations for the Meals on Wheels Program for home bound seniors. Our Puna District serves the highest number of children with disabilities.

Created activity stations in Yano Hall (Kona) for participants and staff from Full Life's Learning Center in an open program of billiards, mural painting, mat work & stretching to music, basketball, picnic, and socializing. The group plans to visit quarterly.

Supplied DCAB's parking stall and access aisle warning cards to all recreation staff to promote a proactive role in parking enforcement at each park site.

### **Aquatics Division**

Conducted an Aquatics Orientation for Goodwill which included personal assistants, administrative staff, and participants. Thirty people attended.

Observed Kona Community Aquatics Center (KCAC) w/ Teri for modification requests for handrails and an adult changing table in the men's locker room.

Research to update aquatic's registration forms. The goal is to provide staff with basic health and safety information for emergencies. Do not intend to require a medical release or doctor's permission in order to participate.

### **Parks Maintenance Division**

I met with the district supervisors of the Parks Maintenance Division to discuss the role Parks Maintenance plays in daily access issues. I drafted an ADA checklist to accompany the weekly facility safety inspections. The checklist's purpose will be to reinforce access awareness with staff and to monitor sites to improve accessibility in our grounds and facilities.

### **Panaewa Complex**

Observed petting Zoo. Offered ADA Awareness training for Friends of the Zoo docents. I met with staff and FOZ board members to discuss access issues and volunteer opportunities for people of all abilities. Volunteers with disabilities currently serve Zoo programs.

### **Interagency Collaboration**

I organized a meeting to discuss the Access Board's new Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas (open for public comment until Oct 18). Lisa Duwall of Volcano National Park, Glenn Taguchi of Dept of Land & Natural Resources, and Teri Spinola-Campbell attended. It was agreed to submit comments separately and to meet again for future discussions.

### **Elderly Activities Division (EAD)**

Assessed the temporary plantation building for accessibility for the Senior Nutrition Site in Paaui. The seniors were displaced due to earthquake damage. Their previous site will be demolished.