

**City of Sacramento  
Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC]**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 20, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M.  
New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room -1104**

**Present:** Commissioner Bain, Benson, Brown, Kysor, Riker, Thom, Skierka, Springer.

**Excused:** Commissioner Sylvia.

**Absent:** N/A

**Commission Staff:** Michael Paravagna, Obi Agha

**Presenters:** N/A.

**Guest:** N/A

**1. Call to Order**

AT 6:04 Chair Ron Brown called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

The roll call was conducted by the chair, who also welcomed all to the DAC meeting.

**3. Agenda Review**

The Agenda order was reviewed. It was decided item 6, Election of Officers should be conducted first. Mr. Brown made the motion for the election of officers to go before Item 5, the Overview of the ADA Commissioner, Thom seconded. Motion Passed.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The approval of the previous meeting minutes of August 16, 2007 and September 10, 2007 was continued to the next scheduled full DAC meeting (October 18, 2007). Commissioner Brown made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Thom. Motioned Passed.

**5. Overview of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Michael Paravagna, City ADA Coordinator presented an overview of ADA and pertinent California State Laws. The presentation opened with the statement that citizens have certain expectations, that for no other reasons than their tax payers' status, municipalities such as the City of Sacramento have the responsibility to keep the promise of the ADA.

Mr. Paravagna Power Point presentation entitled "ADA: Setting an Expectation and Keeping the Promise", covered the following major subject matters:

- a. The five titles of the ADA.
- b. California State laws: Unruh Civil Rights Act, Fair Employment & Housing Act. (FEHA), California Government Code 11135.
- c. Public Agencies "Good Faith Effort".
- d. Buy-in from the Top.

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- e. Administrative Requirements by the ADA (Self Evaluation and Transition Plan requirements).
- f. Common Corrective Actions of the ADA.

Mr. Paravagna answered questions from the Commissioners followed by discussion relative to City's responsibilities, Commissioners roles, and the next steps.

**6. Election of Officers**

Commissioner Brown explained City Ordinance No. 2001-050, and the process to follow in conducting the election consistent with the City Clerk's office procedure. He then opened the nominations to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair of the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission.

Mr. Brown asked each individual member if they would be interested in serving in the capacity of Chair or Vice Chair. Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to either nominate someone or themselves. Commissioner Kysor indicated he could serve in the capacity of Vice Chair. Commissioner Thom expressed interest to serve as either the Vice Chair or Chair. Discussion followed the nominations. Chair Ron Brown then put forward the two nominees for a vote. By majority vote Mr. Thom and Mr. Kysor were elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Mr. Brown asked for motion. Commissioner Benson moved to elect Mr. Thom the Chair and Mr. Kysor the Vice Chair. Commissioner Springer seconded. MSP.

**7. Committee Report**

The subcommittee report was continued to the next full DAC meeting.

**8. Comments and Announcement**

Commissioner Riker asked for an update on enforcements of the Taxi Ordinance.

**9. Adjournment**

Commissioner Bain moved and Commissioner Riker seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist

Equal Opportunity / ADA Program