

City of Sacramento  
Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC]

MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.

New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room -1104

**Present:** Commissioners: Albritton, Benson, Correia, Springer, Thom

**Excused:** Commissioners: Bain, Finch

**Absent:** Commissioners: Kysor, Skierka

**Commission Staff:** Obi Agha and Michael Paravagna, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program

**Presenters:** N/A

**Guest:** Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager with City Department of Transportation.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman, Mr. Jeff Thom.

**Roll Call of Members:**

Chairman Thom conducted a roll call of the members. The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner, Mr. Neal Albritton.

Commissioner Albritton expressed gratitude for the warmth welcome he had received from the Commissioners and staff. He said that he was happy and excited to be part of the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission, and looks forward to contributing via his talent and experience towards the tasks ahead.

Staff present, were also acknowledged.

**Agenda Review:**

The meeting agenda of January 5, 2009 was reviewed by Commissioner Thom. No changes were made to the order of the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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Commissioner Correia made the motion to approve the minutes, of October 16, November 3 & 20, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thom. Commissioner Albritton and Springer abstained. The motion passed.

**2008 DAC Activities Review:**

Most of the discussion were on (how, when, content and format) on reporting to City Council on DAC's accomplishments and expectation for the 2009 year.

Commissioner Thom volunteered to draft a one page symposium on where the DAC would like to go this year 2009. Mr. Thom put forward a motion, seconded by Commissioner Albritton. The motion: "Bring a draft for consideration that would be presented to the Mayor, copy to the City Council, addressing DAC accomplishments, and how the DAC can help the Mayor". The motion passed.

Regarding the number of DAC meetings needed for the 2009, the Commissioners were not in favor of any reduction of the number of meeting calendared for the year.

**Staff Report:**

The following items were reported to the Commissioners:

- Event of January 15, 2009, Michael Paravagna reported that the event is being planned in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). Staff indicated that this meeting would be counted as a special DAC meeting in lieu of the regular meeting.
- Update of the Detectable Warning Surface on Light-rail track between 15<sup>th</sup> & 16th Rocky Burks reported that this project has been awarded to a contractor. The project is in two phases.  
The required construction conference for the first phase work will be held January 9, 2009. The total project consists of placing detectable warnings at the RT crossings from 13th Street to 16th Street. The second phase will be reworking the light rail station between 15th Street and 16th Street.

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Additionally, the City of Sacramento is working collaboratively with RT and Union Pacific to begin addressing other pedestrian crossings throughout the City. This will be a long term effort based on high pedestrian use to limited pedestrian uses.

**Agenda for Next Meetings:**

- Review of the draft Letter to Council
- Debrief of Event of the January 15, 2009.

**Public Comment - Items:**

No public comment.

**Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:**

The following topics and subject matter were brought up by Commissioners, as areas of interest to the DAC:

- Tent City / Homelessness
- Housing / Universal Housing / Visitability
- Housing policy regarding Infill
- Coordination with Sacramento DAC on common interests, especially the areas of Housing and Emergency Preparedness.
- Strategies on DAC advice to the Mayor and City Council
- Follow-up with the possibilities of utilizing the 311 System as avenue to enhance contacts with Accessible Taxi companies.
- Enhanced accessible City website

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. Moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Correia.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist  
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program