



Minutes

City of Sacramento
Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Darlene Anderson	David Bain	Joan Barden
Robert Benson	Dawn Correia	Vacant
Evangeline Skierka	Jessica Springer	Jeff Thom

CITY STAFF:

*Ken Fleming, Office of Civil Rights Manager
Neal Albritton, Citywide ADA Coordinator
Obi Agha, Program Specialist*

*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
November 18, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.*

The Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission is an advisory board of the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to advise regarding compliance with federal and state disability laws; review policies, programs and activities that affect persons with disabilities; recommend procedures regarding reasonable accommodation; provide information, referral and technical assistance in matters pertaining to disabilities; and liaison with the City's ADA Coordinator.

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MINUTES

November 18, 2010

*New City Hall
915 I Street - 1st Floor, Conference Room 1104*

*(Enter from H Street side or Plaza Entrance
between Historic and New City Halls)*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members: Regular session called to order by Vice Chair Jessica Springer at 6:05 PM on Thursday, November 18, 2010. Meeting was held at New City Hall, Conference Room 1104. The roll call of members was also carried out by Commissioner Springer.

Ms. Springer officially informed the DAC of the passing of Commissioner Lester Finch. Mr. Finch passed away on November 3, 2010.

Commissioner Benson moved to dedicate the November 18, 2010 DAC meeting to Commissioner Finch memory. All approved.

Present: Anderson, Barden, Benson, Correia, Skierka, Springer, Thom

Absent: Bain, Finch

Commission Staff: Obi Agha, City of Sacramento, Office of Civil Rights
Neal Albritton, City of Sacramento, Office of Civil Rights

Presenters: N/A

Guest: N/A

Agenda Review: Commissioner Springer reviewed the order of the Agenda. The Agenda order was not changed.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 21, 2010

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Office of Civil Rights, Human Resources Department

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of September 16, 2010

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Thom and Barden
Yes: Anderson, Barden, Benson, Skierka, Springer, Thom
Abstain: Correia

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of October 21, 2010

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Thom and Barden
Yes: Barden, Benson, Skierka, Springer, Thom
Abstain: Anderson, Correia

2. PLANNING OF DAC PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Office of Civil Rights, Human Resources Department.

Staff suggested that the Commission consider recognizing City Departments/Divisions for efforts that have exceeded minimum requirements that enhance accessibility of employment and/or public services to people with disabilities. Recommended consideration of Code Enforcement Department (for facilitating CASp certification training), IT Department (for efforts to enhance the accessibility of the City's Internet and Intranet websites as required by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended), Parks and Recreation Department (for efforts in making their online forms and applications accessible), and DOT (for proactive efforts in reasonably accommodating their employees with disabilities).

Commissioner Thom proposed using the same mechanism that the DAC used in 2009 for commending city departments.

Motion: The Commission approved the decision to acknowledge Code Enforcement, IT, and Parks and Recreation Departments as soon as possible during the next available City Council meeting by presenting each with a certificate of appreciation.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Thom and Benson
Yes: Barden, Benson, Springer, Thom, Anderson, Correia
No: Skierka

Motion: The DAC approved the decision to acknowledge DOT as soon as possible with a written letter to the Director of DOT (with a copy of the letter sent to the Mayor and each City Council Member) addressing the Commission's appreciation for management's efforts.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Thom and Benson
Yes: Barden, Benson, Springer, Thom, Anderson, Correia
No: Skierka

3. UPDATE ON CURRENT ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide advice.

Contact: Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Office of Civil Rights, Human Resources Department.

The following items were reported by staff:

- (a) The passing of Commissioner Lester Finch

- Commissioners requested Staff to coordinate the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Commissioner Finch's wife by the Mayor during the next available City Council meeting.
 - **Action Needed:** Staff will contact the City Clerk to request the presentation of the certificate and report back to DAC on status during December Commission meeting.
- (b) Grand opening activities of the Alley Activation and the Housing project by Stitch Development

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

4. TO BE ANNOUNCED
 A. NONE

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

B. ISSUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- (a) Topics related to designing format and guide for DAC "Quarterly Awards" to City Departments and / or staff that performed exemplary in the area of Accessibility and Disabilities.
- Discussion to continue at next Commission meeting.
 - Commissioner Barden announced that she was very pleased with DOT's prompt response to installing a curb ramp at a dangerous street corner near her residence.
- (b) DAC end of year celebration activities
- (c) Staff presentation of Greyhound project [Site and Building Accessibility]
- Kirk Thompson is scheduled to present on this topic in December.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Benson /Anderson.

David Bain, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
 Equal Opportunity / ADA Program