



Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

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*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
May 4, 2009 - 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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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 Commissioner Jeff Thom at 6.02 p.m. on Monday May 4, 2009 at the Sacramento City Hall Conference Room 1104.
Staff present, were introduced.
- Present -** Albritton, Correia, Finch, Kysor, Skierka, Springer, Thom,
- Absent -** Bain, Benson (excused)
- Commission Staff:** Michael Paravagna and Obi Agha, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program
- Presenters:** Fedolia "Sparky" Harris, Senior Planner, City Department of Transportation.
- Guest:** N/A
- Agenda Review -** The record reflects that changes to the agenda were made to allow for Agenda item #2, to be moved to the top, in order to accommodate Mr. Harris's Swanton Station Transit Village Specific plan presentation.

Discussion / Action Reports

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

1. **Approval of Minutes for April 6, & 16, 2009**

Recommendation: The minutes of April 6 & 16, 2009, were approved.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: **Minutes of April 6:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Finch / Skierka.
Yes: Albritton, Correia, Finch, Kysor, Springer, Skierka, Thom
No: None
Absent: Bain, Benson
Abstained Kysor, Springer

Action: Minutes of April 16: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Finch / Thom.
Yes: Albritton, Correia, Finch, Kysor, Springer, Skierka, Thom
No: None
Absent: Bain, Benson
Abstained Kysor, Springer

Motion **passed** to approve the April 6, & 16, 2009 minutes.

2. Presentation on Swanston Station Transit Village Specific plans by Fedolia “Sparky” Harris, Senior Planner

Recommendation: Review and comment on Urban Design Guidelines for the Swanston Station Transit Village Plan.

Contact: Fedolia “Sparky” Harris, (916) 808-2996, Senior Planner, Office of the Director Planning and Policy, City Department of Transportation.

Discussion: Sparky Harris, Senior Planner with City Department of Transportation (DOT) presented the Swanston Station Transit Village Specific Plans, along with a PowerPoint, and graphic illustrations of the development area. According to Mr. Harris, the Specific Plan provides opportunities to revitalize an underutilized light rail station by providing a framework, policy direction, and strategic approach to transform the area into an active mixed use transit village.

The envisioned strategic approach to development would involve a set of priority improvements mentioned below, and in two phases. These priorities would be matched to funding mechanisms, Sparky stated.

Phase One- focuses on improving, developing and redeveloping the west of the railroad tracks which is the area currently undergoing transition

Phase Two- the Long Term Plan anticipates the development that would comprise of new and redeveloped dwelling units, including new and redeveloped commercial floor space.

Overall, the mixed use concept of phase one would focus on the following:

- (1) Concentration of new housing,
- (2) Development of employment opportunities and growth around the transit hub and existing residential neighborhood,
- (3) Improving connections throughout the area.

Sparky Harris emphasized that the Specific Plan also addressed key elements, (listed below), and when layered together would create a unique transit-oriented development. The elements are as follows:

- (a) Open Space; that incorporates Plazas and Promenades. Improved bicycle and pedestrian access, and connection to the transit station and other major destinations.
- (b) Transportation; offers variety of transit options besides the typical dependence on the use of automobiles. Priorities would be given to public transit, pedestrian and bicycle. Alley ways utilization would provide rear access to residential and mixed use developments, including parking and service areas, Sparky emphasized.

- i. A pedestrian off-ramp is planned from the west side of Arden Way overpass, and is intended to shorten the travel route for those crossing the tracks to access the buses and light rail directly connecting the bus transfer center to the transit promenade, Sparky

stated.

Mr. Harris, indicated that the Swanston Station Transit Village Plan is consistent with the policies contained in the newly adopted 2030 General Plan, specifically promoting the following:

- Infill Development
- Protect Established Neighborhoods
- Enhanced Neighborhood
- Mixed-Use Neighborhood
- Transit -Orientated Development

DOT staff intends to go before the Design Commission and Planning Commission in May for feedback followed by a Planning Commission recommendation in June and City Council adoption in July.

The staff recommendation to the Commission at this time is to review and comment on the Urban Design Guidelines for the Swanston Station Transit Village Plan.

The DAC expressed their support of the project and asked staff to begin to develop policies and guidelines on how to delineate and separate pedestrian circulation from bicycle traffic, (where possible).

3. **Review Draft Letter of Support regarding Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance [LR09-001] presented to DAC on 4/16/09 by Greg Sandund, Assistant Planner, with City Planning Department, was moved to the May 21, 2009 DAC meeting.**

4. **Update on Current Accessibility Program Activities**

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide direction.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Received and filed.

Discussion: Staff updated the Commissioners on the current accessibility program activities.

- Michael Paravagna, briefed the Commissioner on his trip to the National ADA Coordinator conference at Baltimore.
- Obi Agha briefed the DAC on his participation on the Department of Water Resources Building Code Update Project. The workshop was held on April 30th, 2009. The meeting goal was to receive public input on the proposed revisions for the next draft of the California Building Code. To share understanding on how the current code affects disability access requirements, and how improvements can be made, especially in the event of a flood. Commissioner Albritton also attended the public workshop.
- Obi Agha also briefed the Commissioner on the Alley Activation public meeting held on April 30th, 2009. The goal of the meeting is to draft a Mission statement that would guide the reactivation of multiple alleys at the central city area. Commissioner Springer was in attendance at the 4/30/09 Alley Activation meeting.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

4. None

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

5. Issues for Future Meetings

- (a) Discuss Letter of Support regarding the Draft City Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance [LR09-001], and as presented by Greg Sundlund, on DAC meeting of 4/16/09,
- (b) Alley Activation Accessibility Discussion.
- (c) Presentation on Annual Prospective Plan for Project under Barden Settlement by Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Thom / Skierka.

Jeff Thom, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program