



Minutes

City of Sacramento
Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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Robert Benson	Dawn Correia	Vacant
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Neal Albritton, Citywide ADA Coordinator
Obi Agha, Program Specialist*

*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
January 20, 2011 - 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

January 20, 2011

*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 Commissioner Bain at 6:07 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Meeting was held at the New City Hall, Conference Room 1104. The roll call of members was also carried out by Commissioner Bain.

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

Absent: Skierka

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 Bain 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 NOVEMBER 18, AND DECEMBER 6, 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 November 18, 2010

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Thom and Springer

Yes: Anderson, Bain, Barden, Benson, Correia, Springer, Thom Skierka,

No: Skierka

Approval of the December 6, 2010 meeting minutes was moved to the February 7, 2011.

2. PLANNING OF DAC PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

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.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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

The following items were discussed regarding DAC presentation to City Council:

- Staff will draft “wording” to be used for a Resolution and /or Certificate of Appreciation awards, initiated by DAC.
- Staff will work with City IT to develop a link labeled “eye on Accessibility” as suggested by Commissioner Anderson, for use in [Quarterly], recognition of city staff that have performed exemplary “over and beyond” their call of duty, in the area of disability and accessibility.

- [Quarterly], Employment nomination on city website was motioned:

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

- DAC suggested developing processes for Quarterly Recognition of staff and Annual Award to City Department. It was recommended that the Annual Awards to city departments occur in October to compliment the “Disabilities Awareness Month”.

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:

- Updating the city ADA facility Transition Plan.
- Issues on Accessible Placard abuse within the city.
- City website upgrade
- Commissioner Lester Finch City Council’s resolution acknowledgement on January 11, 2011.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

4. TO BE ANNOUNCED

None

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

5. ISSUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Commissioners opted not to have a meeting on February 7th 2010.
- Commissioners Barden talked about the upcoming celebration of Oak Park, and it was determined that this might be a good opportunity for DAC to provide public education.
- Commissioner Barden proposed having a competition at the local High School level for students to submit essay composition on "what the ADA means to me" Then acknowledge winners at City Council or any other venues.
- Commissioner Barden suggests developing processes or ordinance to have city parking enforcement staff cite access issues along sidewalk, they confront as they perform their regular duties.
- Commissioners to look at ways to encourage public participation at DAC meetings.
- Commissioner Thom inquired about the update on the Greyhound project and if staff was planning to report back to DAC

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Barden/ Correia.

David Bain, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program