

DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Felicia Oropeza, Chair

Will Cannady, Vice Chair

'Espi' Christina Espinoza, Vice Chair

Mousumi Crowley

Tim Haley

Brandy Tuzon Boyd

COMMITTEE STAFF

Jami Kinney, ADA Manager



Minutes

Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

City Hall, Room 1104
915 I Street, 1st Floor

Published by the
Department of Human Resources
(916) 808-8976

Thursday, September 20, 2018
6:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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.

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

Notice to Lobbyists: When addressing the Commission, you must identify yourself as a lobbyist and announce the client/business/organization you are representing (City Code 2.15.160).

Speaker slips are located in the meeting room and should be completed and submitted to the Commission staff.

Government Code 54950 (The Brown Act) requires that a brief description of each item to be transacted or discussed, and to be posted at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting. The City posts Agendas at City Hall as well as offsite meeting locations.

The order of Agenda items are listed for reference and may be taken in any order deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Agenda provides a general description and staff recommendations; however, the Committee may take action other than what is recommended. The Agenda is available for public review no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Hard copies are available from the Human Resources Department. (10 cents per page)

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, need alternate formats, or other auxiliary aides, contact Jami Kinney at (916) 808-8976 (voice) or e-mail at JKinney@cityofsacramento.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

MINUTES
Thursday, September 20, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Historic City Hall – 915 I Street, 2nd Floor (Hearing Room)

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

Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

Regular session called to order by Felicia Oropeza at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Historic City Hall, Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA.

Present: Felicia Oropeza, Tim Haley, Will Cannady, Mousumi Crowley, ‘Espi’ Christina Espinoza and Brandy Tuzon Boyd

Absent: None

Consent Calendar Estimated Time: 5 minutes

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

1. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for 8/16/2018

Location: (Citywide)

Contact: Jami Kinney, ADA Manager, (916) 808-8976, Labor Relations Division, Department of Human Resources.

Action: Motion/Second: Felicia Oropeza/Will Cannady

Yes: Felicia Oropeza, Will Cannady, Brandy Tuzon Boyd, Mousumi Crowley, and Tim Haley

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Action: Passed a motion approving Disabilities Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes dated August 16, 2018.

Discussion Calendar

Discussion calendar items include an oral presentation including those recommending “receive and file”.

2. Annual Prospective Plan

Estimated Time: 20 Minutes

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Judith Matsui-Drury, Supervising Engineer, (916) 808-7610, Department of Public Works.

- Speaker Matsui-Drury reviewed the FY 2018/19 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in Public Rights-of-Way with the Commission. She advised the City's estimated obligation for FY 2018/19 is approximately \$5,096,200, and that the City propose to expend \$4,569,000 on several program areas (Mae Fong Park Path, Ramona Avenue Extension, Folsom Boulevard Complete Street, and R Street Improvements – Phase 3). Improvements include: curb ramps, detectable warning tiles, pedestrian audible signals, install flashing beacons, marked crosswalks, and hand railing.
- Commissioner Cannady: How are projects are selected? Where is there an opportunity for citizens to make a request?
- Speaker Matsui-Drury: We receive calls from the public and Josh Werner addresses these concerns. If a larger project is reported than the City evaluates the project and determines if grant funds can be solicited to assist with funding the project. This is a very competitive process with other cities and counties.
- Commissioner Cannady: What can the Commission do to assist and provide guidance to making the City more accessible?
- Speaker Matsui-Drury: I will go back to our group and advise of your concerns and how we can better communicate and educate this commission regarding the grant process. The grants are usually applied for in spring, and I would be happy to bring this information back to you in the spring.
- Commissioner Espinoza: In regard to the railroad and floodgates project, it is so narrow and often a bottle neck causing pedestrians to walk on the street.
- Speaker Wyant: I am familiar with this project. They are not widening this area due to the expense. They are re-doing the walkway and overlay.
- Commissioner Haley: Does the \$1.5 million include just ADA improvements? I am trying to understand how gutter improvements apply.
- Speaker Matsui-Drury: This amount covers items covered under the Barden settlement.
- Commissioner Boyd Tuzon: You mentioned the Natomas Boulevard overlay and R Street– how is this related to accessibility? What's the best way to communicate with the City to bring forward any issues of concern related to accessibility?
- Speaker Matsui-Drury: Go through Jami Kinney and she can reach out to Public Works. You can always reach out to me as well.

3. E-Scooters Proposal

Estimated Time: 20 Minutes

Location: (Citywide)

Contact: Jennifer Donlon Wyant, Program Specialist, (916) 808-5913, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division.

- Speaker Wyant reviewed the proposed revisions to the shared rideable regulation in Sacramento. E-scooters generally have two small wheels, a handlebar, a platform to stand on, a small electric motor that can go up to 15 m.p.h. and cannot be used on the sidewalk. Effective January 1, 2019, adults do not have to wear a helmet and the allowable speed will increase to 35 m.p.h. The City is proposing to change the existing Sacramento City Code to address shared e-scooters and provide some revision to shared bicycles. Seeking additional information from various stakeholders prior to change city code. Where to park the scooters is still being considered. This will be a pilot program.
- Commissioner Cannady: If someone leaves the scooter on the sidewalk, citizens call 311 and wait until someone responds to remove the scooter? This causes extreme barriers to the disabled community.
- Commissioner Tuzon Boyd: Spent time in San Diego this summer and they had both jump bikes and e-scooters, and it was a mess. My concern is that the Disabilities Advisory Commission was not included in this process earlier. Additionally, I am concerned that the City is placing the burden on individuals with mobility challenges, and that adding another device to our streets when they are not currently enforcing the jump bike rules is not a good idea.
- Commissioner Haley: I am taken back that no one came before this Commission prior to today. We are stakeholders. Why can't the parking enforcement staff enforce regulations regarding storage of these mobile devices?
- Speaker Wyant: We will bring forward these types of issues in the future.
- Commissioner Tuzon Boyd: This Commission is charged with ensuring we move forward with a culture of inclusion, and that the opportunity to generate revenue should not supersede the rights and accessibility of our citizens.

4. Sacramento Kings

Estimated Time: 25 Minutes

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Jeff Dorso, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, (916) 840-5670, Sacramento Kings, and Sam Sayad, Director, Guest Experience, Sacramento Kings.

- Speaker Aran Rush, Vice President of Arena Operations, provided an overview of what is working and some of the challenges at the Golden One Center. Currently, we have drop off locations at 4/J Streets and 6/L Streets in cooperation with Para Transit. All of our doors and entrances are accessible, and our VIP entrance is designated as our ADA drop off. Guest Service Ambassadors are there to assist individuals. We use Disney to provide training to our staff and cycle through our staff. We have a sensory room in the Center and have provided sensitivity training.

- Commissioner Espinoza: I asked to see the sensory room when I was at the Golden One Center recently and the staff was not aware of this room. Also, recently attended an ADA event where the Kings dancers were present and witnessed an unprofessional, discourteous display by dancers to an individual with a disability.
- Speaker Rush: Sounds like we need more training. I appreciate your feedback and we will try to improve.
- Commissioner Tuazon Boyd: When Ray left the franchise, we noticed that the guest services position no longer includes the ADA Coordinator title. Was Ray's position filled and if so who took his position?
- Speaker Rush: Sam Sayad has taken over Ray's role.
- Commissioner Tuzon Boyd: The drop off points you referenced and the limited Para Transit use and at times are not accessible.
- Speaker Rush: The walls are down and there's a smooth transition now at the ADA drop off at 4/J Streets.
- Commissioner Cannady: My brother is in a wheelchair and we have utilized Para Transit to attend events at the Golden 1 Center. We used the VIP entrance and were treated like royalty.
- Commissioner Crowley: What did you (Mr. Rush) mean by cycle through the organization? Besides Para Transit who are the other partners that help with the culture of inclusivity? Are there any technology vendors that support visible and invisible assisted devices? Community outreach is very important to us. I was recently at an event and there were two Kings dancers and did not feel the Kings presence. It feels there's a disconnect between the Kings and the community.
- Speaker Rush: Cycle through means we have different trainings throughout the year and our training is focused at the start of the season. Typically, staff does not get completely trained until they have been there for a year. We are always focused on guest safety. Culture City provided sensitivity training, and this was the largest partner we had last year. We have technology or an app that allows patrons to order food from there seat, get scores and replays through their own personal devices. The facility offers free wi-fi. We also make sure the chargers are all functioning for wheelchairs prior to each event. We partnered with Bill Black as a result of the protests. We recently hired a new person to handle our community outreach.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda (2 minutes per speaker)

- Russell Rawlings: Disability Capitol Action Day is scheduled for April 18, 2018. If anyone is interested in participating in the process, please contact me directly.

Commission Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports

- Commissioner Tuzon Boyd: I am curious about a couple of projects that came before us and the status of those projects. I know the river front improvements were finished in Old Sacramento. However, we also had a detailed presentation on a potential elevator device to assist people onto the docks and Delta King and am wondering about the status of this project. I am also concerned about the project at 4/J Streets. As proposed, I think we had questions about the feasibility of this project. The commission needs to be looped into the City's projects.
- Commissioner Cannady: Tonight, we had an opportunity to hear how the City can use 20% of general revenue funds to make our City more accessible. We were presented with their plan on how the funds should be used. My concern is where was our input sought and the community at large. We need to reach out more and let people know that we are here to get feedback from our community. We need to look at where we meet as a commission and have access to be televised.
- Commissioner Espinoza: We had meetings with several commissioners in the past at other facilities. I would like to see us have meetings at other facilities on a rotating basis.
- Commissioner Crowley: For the record, I arrived late this evening at 6:40 p.m. I appreciate everyone's presence and keeping the consistency of our commission. We have great ideas but need a strategic plan and some direction. The Kings presentation did not provide assisted technology and assisted devices that address the disabled community. I would like to know what the City expects of this commission.

Adjournment – 7:27 p.m. Motion/Second: Felicia Oropeza/Will Cannady