

**City of Sacramento
Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC]**

MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.
New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1st Floor Conference Room -1104

- Present:** Commissioners: Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Thom.
- Excused:** Commissioners: Skierka, Springer, Kysor
- Absent:** Commissioners: N/A
- Commission Staff:** Obi Agha and Michael Paravagna, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program
- Presenters:** Judy Goldbar, Convention Center and Leisure, City of Sacramento
Robert Mather, Westlake Reed Leskosky Team.
- Beth Tincher, Economic Development, City of Sacramento
Jarvis Payne, Walker Macy
Jim Stickley, Wallace Roberts Todd.
- Guest:** Matt Voreyer, Dan Goodwater, Tina McCarty, Bryan Chatterton
Convention Center and Leisure, City of Sacramento.

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 guest and staff present were introduced.

Agenda Review:

The meeting agenda of November 20, 2008 was reviewed by Obi Agha. No changes were made to the order of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

The approval of the revised meeting minutes of October 16, 2008 and meeting minutes of November 3, 2008 was moved to the December 1, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Bain made the motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Correia. The motion passed.

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Sacramento Community Center - Theater Rehabilitation:

Judy Goldbar, Executive Director of Convention Center and Leisure, and City consultants, Robert Mather with Westlake Reed Leskosky presented the conceptual plan of the Sacramento Community Center Theater Rehabilitation plan. Mr. Mather presentation consists of a detailed description of the accessibility changes that Westlake Reed Leskosky Design Team is proposing to make the Sacramento Community Center Theatre more accessible to the public, staff and performers. The PowerPoint presentation was accompanied with graphics depiction of the enhanced architectural and accessibility features being incorporated into the design of the existing theater, in order to make the facility usable by persons of disabilities.

The majority of Mr. Mather's discussion focused on conceptual design elements of the existing theater, including building component and features that needed upgrading throughout the theater complex to create better access. These accessibility enhancements range from 1) modification of the exterior of the building, 2) circulation spaces [vertical and horizontal means of travel], 3) compliant restrooms, to 4) primary and functional space alterations.

The specific area of access modifications discussed are:

✓ Exterior:

- New drop off lane on L Street, series of steps and a ramp, new vestibule that faces 13th Street Mall. Automatic opening device equipped doors at the vestibule. A new box office with accessible ticket windows (wickets) integrated into the new vestibule.
- A new compliant plaza at the North Entry with automatic opening device equipped doors.
- Upgraded sidewalk.
- A new and expanded loading dock.

✓ Interior - Lobby:

- Expansion of the lobby, new and accessible women's and men's restroom.
- New compliant Concessions area will be constructed.
- All stairs that lead to the upper levels will have their handrails modified or replaced to be compliant.
- New sets of stairs and lifts will provide access to the audience chamber.

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- Other building components mentioned by Robert Mather that would be enhanced and made accessible are:
 - Interior - Promenades
 - Interior - Audience Chamber
 - Interior - Dressing Area/Stage Support:
 - Interior - Stage
 - Interior - Second Level - Lobby
 - Interior - Second Level - Dressing Area

Overall, the Commissioners commended the Convention Culture & Leisure staff and their consultant for bringing the project before the Commission, especially at the concept level phase. The DAC expressed interest in seeing a successful outcome of the theater rehabilitation, and indicated their willingness to assist in any fashion staff may desire. Also, the DAC would like a report back when the project is further developed.

River Front - Docks Area and Promenade Design

Beth Tincher, Sr. Project Manager with City of Sacramento, Economic Development, along with their consultant, Jarvis Payne from Walker Macy and Jim Stickley from Wallace Roberts and Todd, updated the DAC on the proposed design for the Docks Area and the Promenade project.

The PowerPoint presentation was accompanied with graphics depiction of the proposed architectural design of the built-environment, including open spaces, parks and transportation arteries. The consultants outlined key accessibility features that are being incorporated into the final draft of the project (Dock Specific Plan), following the feedback the project received from the Commission on their first presentation to DAC (October 18, 2007 DAC meeting). The key accessibility features being incorporated into the updated design are as follows:

- ✓ Accessible Housing Units scheme and developed policy that speaks to accessible and affordable housing.
- ✓ Designing to the least possible slope (less than 1:12), to facilitate easier use by persons using a wheelchair.

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- ✓ When possible design rectilinear Plazas with distinct paving materials and textures to differentiate between walking area separated from other mode of transportation.
- ✓ Sidewalk Cafés with adequate adjoining clear space (sidewalk), to maintain a safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel thru a public way
- ✓ Differentiate paving at crossings for persons that are blind.
- ✓ Other access features being proposed are, accessible restroom in the park, including compliant drinking fountains.

City Staff, Beth Tincher, mentioned that the general policy language of the Dock Area project would address accessibility in both Private and Public Realm consistent with the City Urban Design Guidelines.

The Commissioners commended Ms. Tincher for coming before the DAC and updating the members on the progress of the River Front project (Dock Area Plan & Promenade). The Commission suggested that the concept of Universal Design be incorporated in their housing scheme. Staff suggested contacting the City Planning Department and the Sacramento Housing and Regional Development (SHRA) staff, who worked on the Housing Element of the City 2030 General Plan, for information on the housing requirements. The City of Irvine's Universal Design webpage was also mentioned as a possible resource for the housing piece.

Commissioner Bain stressed the importance of incorporating the concept of "visitability" into their housing / home development. "This design concept enables persons with disabilities, especially a wheelchair user, to visit friends and family members, and also be able to access the bathroom(s)," he said.

After a brief discussion, focusing on general accessibility, project phasing and time line, the Commissioners express interest in monitoring the progress of the River Front project and asked that the project be brought back on a later date for progress report.

Commissioner Bain moved to support Docks Area Plans and Guidelines in concept, seconded by Commissioner Finch. Motion was passed.

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Staff Report:

The following items were reported to the Commissioners:

- On-going City Facility Transition Plan (T Plan) Update, and eventually going before the City Council to seek approval to proceed with a revised T Plan.
- Access issues on City building (300 Richards Blvd.) focusing first on public areas.
- Event of January 15, 2009, Staff reported that the event is being planned in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). Staff encouraged the Commission to attend, and show their support.
- Program Access Coordination Team (PACT) follow-up, and one on one meeting with department PACT representative, focusing on area of continuous improvements.
- Meeting with City Attorney's Office regarding Accessible Meeting requirements.

Agenda for Next Meetings:

- Commissioner Thom requested a report back from staff on the progress of the installation of detectable warning surface adjacent to the light-rail track.
- Event of the January 15, 2009.
- Status report on PACT

Public Comment - Items:

No public comment.

Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. Moved by Commissioner Correia, and seconded by Commissioner Bain.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program