

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

MEETING MINUTES

**May 15, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.
New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1st Floor Conference Room -1104**

Present: Commissioners: Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Skierka, Springer, and Thom,
Excused: Commissioner: Riker
Absent: N/A
Commission Staff: Obi Agha and Michael Paravagna,
City of Sacramento, EEO/ADA Program.

Presenters: Greg Sandlund, Long Range Planning - City of Sacramento.

Guest: N/A

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Jeff Thom.

2. Roll Call of Members:

Mr. Thom conducted a roll call of the members.

3. Agenda Review:

Mr. Thom and staff reviewed the May 15, 2008 agenda. No changes were made to the order of the Agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of April 17, 2008 was approved. Commissioner Bain made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Skierka. Motion passed.

5. Draft 2008-2013 Housing Element:

Greg Sandlund, Assistant Planner with City Planning Department and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) presented the Draft 2008-2013 Housing Elements [HE].

Mr. Sandlund explained that the City, in articulating the 2008-2013 Housing Element, has focused instead on the broader values and goals of the community as oppose to a simple quantitative approach to housing needs. Staff emphasized the importance of aligning the [HE], which has a much shorter time period, with the 2030 General Plan and reflecting the long term vision of City's new General Plan. Key to this vision is as follows:

- (a) Shift toward "infill" development and focus on sustainable and complete neighborhoods.
- (b) Directs growth to key "opportunity areas" in order to locate people in close proximity to jobs, transit, and other urban amenities.

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- (c) Place emphasis on the design and character of the City's neighborhoods, both existing and new, that contribute to a high quality of life for all of its residents.
- (d) Seeking new funding and develop new programs to improve housing options for Extremely Low Income [ELI] households and Special needs.
- (e) Continue to promote and targets funding to rehab and preserve existing affordable housing citywide.
- (f) Promote equal housing opportunity, incorporate accessibility requirements and adopt the following programs:
 - Incorporate "visitability" standards in newly developed single-family homes.
 - Adopt a Universal Design Ordinance, consistent with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development's model ordinance.
 - Adopt a reasonable accommodation ordinance that streamlines and formalizes City procedures related to accessibility and adaptability accommodations for development.

Mr. Sandlund answered questions from the Commissioners followed by discussion. Some of the questions raised by the Commissioners focused on the following items:

- (a) Universal Design ordinance and clarifying that the ordinance stipulates that the Contractor or Developer would provide "Accessible Option" model. Assuring that incorporating accessibility features and universal design elements does not without increase housing cost.
- (b) Incorporation of "visitability" standards in the Housing Element and completing the studies associated with adoption of "visitability" standards as quickly as possible.

The Draft 2008-2013 Housing Element document stated that the City shall conduct a study researching the incorporation of "visit-ability" standards into the residential building code and to be completed by year 2012

The Commissioners were concerned about the time frame stipulated in the Draft 2008-2013 Housing Element [HE], to complete the "visibility" portion of the HE.

In light of this a motion was moved by Chair Thom and seconded by Commissioner Kysor to speed up the completion of the studies.

Motion: Recommend Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC], approval of the 2008-2013 Housing Element, with the exception that the "visitability" standard and program study be completed by the first of July 2009 and a progress report done by January 2009.

Motion Passed.

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6. Committee Report and Meeting:

The Subcommittee chairs, [Physical Access, Program Access, Public Education & Outreach] reported on their recent activities.

Mr. Bain, Chair of the Physical Access Subcommittee discussed the meeting outcomes of 4/14/08, with City Parks & Recreation staff, Greg Narramore, [Recreation Superintendent and the Park Ranger of Granite Skate Park], and the follow-up meeting of the Subcommittee meeting of 5/12/08 on the Granite Skate Park.

Mr. Bain indicated that DAC's position is currently unresolved. Commissioner Bain reiterated Michael Paravagna's conversation with the Justice Department regarding options restricting access (the beyond the proposed gate) to "Extreme Skate Participants Only".

Commissioner Corriea was also going to review the site and report back at a future date.

Mr. Thom, Chair of the Program Access announced and encouraged the participation of DAC, on the upcoming **Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness Meeting /Workshop**, sponsored by the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission - Program Access Subcommittee. The Meeting scheduled as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 2008

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00P.M.

LOCATION: PARATRANSIT, 2501 Florin Road, Paratransit AUDITORIUM.

Ms. Springer, Chair of the Public Education & Outreach reported that meeting of 5/5/08 was canceled due to lack of quorum.

7. Staff Report:

(a) Subcommittee Structure:

Mr. Paravagna briefed the Commissioners on the discussions he had with the City Clerk's Office regarding City Protocols and the pros and con of Standing Committee and / or Ad-hoc Committees. Currently, the DAC has three "Standing Subcommittee" [Physical Access, Program Access, Public Education & Outreach].

The Commissioners deliberated on the issues related to the structure of the Subcommittee. The Chair Mr. Thom asked each Commissioner to come up with some recommendations and ready to discuss the structure of the subcommittee on the next full DAC meeting scheduled for June 19th 2008. Staff was asked to put this on the Agenda.

(b) DAC Web Page Development update:

Mr. Agha briefed the commissioners on the development of DAC Web page, and the recent activities and collaboration efforts between EO /ADA Office and Staff from City IT

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and e-Government manager [Diane Hartline]. EO /ADA Staff provided vital DAC documents that facilitated the Lunching of the DAC Web page.

Staff reported that Diane Hartline indicated that DAC site is ready to move into production [publish] and encouraged the Commissioners to visit the site and for feed back.

The Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission link is:

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/adaweb/>

The web page is outlined as follows:

- The main body of the web site describes the make up of the members, including pertinent information such as the DAC Ordinance and the DAC proposed Strategic Planning for year 2008.
- News and Events.
- Meetings and Agenda.
- Subcommittees - "Standing Subcommittee" [Physical Access, Program Access, Public Education & Outreach].
- Staff Contact Information.

The Commissioners indicated that they have had opportunities to visit the site and DAC webpage is generally navigable and recommended the web site be published.

(c) Department Program Access Coordination Team [PACT] Update:

Mr. Paravagna briefed the Commissioners on the on-going efforts working with the PACT and how PACT is enabling the EO office in its goal to "build capacity" within City Departments and better address access issues, including ADA and Disabilities matters. Staff cited some specific access issues, [Pannell Community Center] parking lot that has gotten a quick attention due to better coordination with EO Office and Staff PACT representative.

(d) Community Meeting update:

Mr. Paravagna mentioned that there are three ADA Community Meetings planned. The dates of the meetings are June 18, 2008, July 15, 2008 and August 28, 2008. Staff indicated that as soon as more information is available, the commissioners would be notified.

8. Public Comment - Items:

No Public comments were taken.

9. Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:

Staff remained the Commissioner of Ron Brown, [former Chair of DAC] celebration activities, and encouraged the Commissioners to come. The scheduled date was Friday, May 16, 2008, starting at 5 PM; at Sophia, located at 11th and H Street.

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10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Skierka and seconded by Commissioner Springer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program