

**City of Sacramento
Disabilities Advisory Commission**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 17, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1st Floor Conference Room -1104

Present: Commissioner Brown, Bain, Thom, Flynn.

Excused: Commissioner Riker

Absent: Commissioner Benson

Commission Staff: Obi Agha

Presenters: Jesse Gothan, Michael York, Melissa Anguiano, Rocky Burks, Adam Kringel, Jay Radke, Steve Weinberger, Michael Wilda.

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Members

The meeting began at 6:05 P.M. by Commissioner Brown.

2. Review of the Agenda

No changes were made to the meeting agenda.

3. Approve Minutes

The meeting minutes of April 25, 2007 was approved. Commissioner Thom made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bain. Commissioner Flynn abstained.

4. Township 9 (TS9) Design Guidelines and Traffic Plaza Design

Jesse Gothan and Michael York (Project Manager), from Development Services Department presented the design guidelines and goals of the (TS9) project. Staff presenter elaborated on the accessibility enhancements of the pedestrian crossing and the design features to mitigate issues related to sight issues.

Safety and accessibility concept of the three intersections within the proposed Township 9 were emphasized by presenters. The three intersections are located at a) North 7th Street and "A" Street, b) Signature Street and "C" Street, and c) Park Boulevard and "C" Street.

Mr. Gothan explained that the proposed intersections would not employ the conventional four-way traffic stop, rather would be designed as traffic plazas, traffic circles and/or roundabouts. Intersections are circular with option of having pedestrian access to the center island.

The presenters mentioned that these guidelines are intended to act as a supplement to existing City codes and ordinances as it relates to implementation of the Township 9 Planned Unit Development (PUD) project.

The commissioners' questions were mostly in the area of accessibility and usability and safe pedestrian "path of travel" within the confines of the proposed roundabout. The Commission emphasized staying focused in avoiding creating new barriers, not obscuring

the driver's vision of a person in a wheelchair by introducing tall plant materials around the edge of the roundabouts.

The commissioners would like to see a sidewalks that connect crosswalk to be direct, and channeling people who are blind to the proper crossing locations by pavement treatment and guide strips.

Overall, the Commission was satisfied with the priorities given to access on the project, including the hiring of a mobility specialist, and asking for DAC input early on.

The board asked that the improvement plan for the roundabout be brought back to the DAC for review and comment and /or approval prior to construction.

5. K St. Streetscape Update -Regional Transit (RT) Platforms

Melissa Anguiano, from Economic Development Department, updated the commissioners on the streetscape design concept plan including the new RT mini-high platform.

She mentioned that the preferred location of the station (7th Street, just south of the K-L alley) would open up the 700 block as a major gateway into K Street from the Downtown Plaza Shopping Center, and consolidate and create a station that can serve as a common station for both the RT Gold Line (from Folsom) and Blue Line (from Watt/I-80).

Staff also explained that these relocations also provide an opportunity to look at re-designing the RT mini-high platforms to the current RT's specifications which is sleeker in design and less intrusive instead of the existing platform that is not a switch-back.

Staff mentioned that the RT's Mobility Advisory Council has reviewed the new plan and has taken a position to support the new location.

The commissioners supported the overall concept of consolidation of the stations and the efforts staff has taken to ensure that improvements will comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Staff expressed appreciation for the support they have received from DAC and asked if their support can be writing and sent to the Mayor and Council.

6. Annual Prospective Plan for Projects under Barden Settlement

Rocky Burks, Department of Transportation (DOT) staff reported on the projects planned for the FY 2007 /2008 prospective plan for Pedestrian Rights-of-Way projects to meet the Barden Settlement.

"Annually, the City of Sacramento is required to develop a prospective plan of accessibility improvements that it anticipates completing during the year to meet the Annual Obligation"

Staff indicated that 2007/2008 annual obligation budget of \$7,262,400 and the majority of the monies would be spent on the Curb Ramp Program and specified Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) with accessibility features, the remaining of the monies would be spent on Citizen Request(s).

The DAC gave their approval. Commissioner Thom moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, MSP.

7. Comments / Announcements

There were no announcements made.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist

Equal Opportunity / ADA Program