

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 21, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.**

New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room -1104

**Present:** Commissioners: Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Kysor, Skierka, Thom.

**Excused:** Commissioners: Springer

**Absent:** Commissioner: Riker

**Commission Staff:** Obi Agha and Michael Paravagna, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program.

**Presenters:** N/A

**Guest:** Ron Brown

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chairman, Mr. Jeff Thom.

**Roll Call of Members:**

Chairman Thom conducted a roll call of the members. Mr. Thom announced the resignation of Commissioner, Jean Riker. The Commissioners expressed their warmth- felt appreciation for the tremendous contribution Ms. Riker had made to the DAC and her genuine efforts in advocating for the Disability Community.

New Commissioner, Mr. Lester Finch was introduced by the Chairman. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Finch to the DAC.

Commissioner Finch expressed gratitude for the warmth welcome he had received from the Commissioners and staff. He said that he was very happy to be part of the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission (DAC). Mr. Finch indicated that he was looking forward to contributing to the task ahead, using his experiences in advancing the inclusion and the participation of people with disabilities in the mainstream of Sacramento.

**Agenda Review:**

The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made to the order of the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting minutes of August 21, 2008 was approved. Commissioner Kysor made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Skierka. Commissioner Correia abstained. The motion passed.

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**Draft Letter to Council Regarding Department Recognition:**

The City Department Recognition letter drafted by staff and edited by Chairman Mr. Thom was reviewed during the DAC meeting of the August 21, 2008. The Commissioners had a very favorable evaluation of the letter.

Constructive debate of whether the recognition to the Departments should be in a form of a Certificate or a Plaque. Discussions on if only one or two departments [out of the (4) four] selected should be recognized and the rest acknowledged by mere honorable mentioning of their names. At the end, the DAC agreed on the following:

- With a vote of 4 in favor and 2 descending, agreed to recognize the four departments equally, and issue a "Certificate of Recognition" to each department.

The four departments are Convention, Culture and Leisure (CC&L), Neighborhood Services, Parks & Recreation and Planning.

- To recommend a City Council Resolution, recognizing the Month of October as "Disabilities Awareness Month".

The DAC would present the "Certificate of Recognition" to the Departments during a Council Meeting.

Mr. Thom asked the Commissioners (in the interest of time) to allow the Chair and Commissioner Bain to work with staff and refined the key messages on the draft letter, and not wait till the next DAC meeting of 9/8/08 to complete the final draft.

In light of this, Commissioner Bain made a motion recommending the following:

- To make changes to the draft letter by paring down the verbiage.
- Highlight Department's accomplishments.

Motioned was seconded by Commissioner Skierka. The motion passed.

**Staff Report:**

1. Michael Paravagna briefed the Commissioners on the following accessibility and program activities:
  - Railyards Project.
  - Small Business and Employment Commission.

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- Camp Sacramento Access Review.
  - Transition Plan, as impacted by:
    - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City Equal Opportunity Office (EO/ADA) and Department of General Services (DGS).
    - Facility Review Committee.
    - Deferred Maintenance Projects.
    - Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
  - Public Meeting scheduled for the August 28, 2008 at the Pannell Community Center.
  - ADA Public Notice - Notice of Compliance under ADA & California State Law.
  - CC&L Training Program.
2. On behalf of Rocky Burks, Department of Transportation Access Manager, Obi Agha reported on the Detectable Warning Surface [DWS] at City's Intersections and discussed the Criteria the Department (DOT) uses to prioritize the installation of DWG.

Commissioner Kysor had inquired and asked staff to gather information on DWS issues on the intersection at Truxel.

The following is an excerpt from Rocky's note on this subject matter. The text was read to the Commissioners at the August 21, 2008 DAC Meeting:

**Excerpt - Detectable Warning Surface [DWS] at City Intersections Criteria:**

"Depending on the intersections, there very well maybe, DWS missing due to the moratorium initiated by the US DOJ that caused tremendous confusion statewide, and while the City of Sacramento was constructing some new curb ramps.

Additionally, there may have been new ramps constructed on one corner due to (developments) that triggered the construction of new ramps, leaving the other corners with existing ramps that may or may not be compliant; those corners would be addressed either through future new developments, an overlay project or citizen request per Barden.

Therefore, if there are corners where no detectable warnings exist; and happens, to be in the path of travel for a person needing detectable warnings, and if the ramps are compliant, the

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City will install surface applied DWS (when we get a citizen request). However, DOT will not install DWS, if the curb ramps are not compliant until replaced with compliant one.

**Agenda for Next Meetings:**

The following are potential Agenda ideas for coming DAC meetings:

- Detectable Warning Surface on City Intersections, Criteria and Prioritization for Locations.
- Universal Design presentation by Sacramento Area Developer.
- Presentation by the Alley Development Housing Concept [Private Developer, Mr. Jeremy Drucker has expressed interest about coming before the Commissions].
- City Ordinance on Sidewalk.

**Public Comment - Items:**

Ron Brown asked about the status of correcting the potential safety issue with the Electric Box located adjacent 9<sup>th</sup> & I that protrude into pedestrian route of travel, and asked that DOT staff look into it.

**Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:**

Commissioner Correia expressed some frustration on a recent situation in which she was asked to provide some bedding material for an individual that was being released from the Hospital to the Street. She wondered if the Commissioner can provide insight on how to tackle situations as such. She was advised to contact Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) for some assistance.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Correia and seconded by Commissioner Kysor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist  
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program