



Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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Dawn Correia	Lester Finch, Jr.	Dan Kysor
Jeff Thom	Evangeline Skierka	Jessica Springer

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*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
February 19, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.*

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.

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MINUTES

February 19, 2009

*New City Hall
915 I Street - 1st Floor, Conference Room 1104*

*(Enter from H Street side or Plaza Entrance
between Historic and New City Halls)*

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

Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members - Regular session called to order by Chair Thom at 6:06 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Sacramento City Hall Conference Room 1104.

Present - Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Springer, Thom

Absent - Finch and Skierka (excused)

Commission Staff: Obi Agha, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program

Agenda Review - The record reflects that no changes to the agenda were made.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2009

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Thom/Kysor.

Yes: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Springer, Thom.

No: None

Absent: Finch and Skierka

Motion **passed** to adopt the February 2, 2009 minutes.

2. Presentation on Alley-Loaded Housing Development by Jeremy Drucker principal of Stitch Development

Recommendation: Review and comment or provide direction on: 1) update of Stitch Development's designs and accessibility strategies; 2) proposal to implement a city-wide accessible alleys program; and 3) proposal for public/private partnership to implement downtown alley program.

Contact: Jeremy Drucker, Stitch Development.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Discussion: Jeremy Drucker, principal of Stitch Development started his presentation by reviewing the tactile 3- dimensional model of the Alley-Loaded Housing design with Commissioner Kysor, who was absent at the first presentation by Mr. Drucker. Mr. Drucker distributed a letter dated February 18, 2009 from Richard Skaff. Mr. Skaff, is the Executive Director of Designing Accessible Communities. He has been retained by Jeremy to review the proposed condominium project being proposed by Stitch Development.

The Summary of Jeremy Drucker's presentation is as follows:

- a) An updated and fully accessible ground-floor designs (1 bedroom unit) scheme, with optional elevator location. Units can be customized to suit different needs. He also indicated that:
 - I. The private garage of the condominium (adjacent to the accessible unit) and fronting the alley(s), can only accommodate three to four cars comfortable. "There are not enough space on a 60 feet wide (fronting the alley) by 100 feet deep footprint to accommodate more than four compact vehicle".
 - II. If an individual requests for van-accessible space, Mr. Drucker suggested a negotiation with co-owners of the condominium, e.g. giving up a parking space to accommodate van access, including some agreeable cost between the parties involved.
- b) Various scheme of accessible alleys where shown by Mr. Drucker, followed by further discussions on the merit(s) of each scheme.
- c) Jeremy discussed ideas that have been thrown around by private /public entity on the proposal to implement a central city Accessible Alleys program, including funding and implementation measures. Some of the ideas discussed are:
 - I. Private developers pay into "Alley Upgrade Assessment" fund- proportionate to total construction costs.
 - II. Sacramento City Department Maintenance Funds.
 - III. SMUD/Utilities Undergrounding funds.
 - IV. Alternate sources of funding: Block Grants / Re-Development / Federal Funds/ Other?

Mr. Drucker answered questions from the Commissioners, followed by discussions on the key points of his presentations. Jeremy asked the DAC to write a letter of support for Stitch Development to the Mayor and Council members, emphasizing on the importance of promoting public/private partnership on accessible housing.

Overall, the Commissioners commended Mr. Drucker for coming back and updating the the DAC. DAC agreed to write of letter of support for Mr. Drucker on the concept of "building accessible housing fronting selected central city alleys". Apparently, Mr. Drucker would be applying for building permit by the end of March 2009 and would like the letter written by end of March.

Commissioner Thom encouraged the Commissioners to call Jeremy if they have any questions on his presentation. Commissioner Springer volunteered to attend the next Alley Activation Community meeting scheduled for February 26, 2009, and to report back on the next DAC meeting of March 2, 2009. The Alley Activation movement consists of public /private partnership whose mission is to develop design concepts, standards and guidelines for central city alleys as conduit for infill development projects such as, housing, mix-use and commercial use.

3. Update on the County Housing Ordinance by Ken Madsen of the Sacramento County Disabilities Advisory Commission, and Discussion of Collaborative Efforts Between the City and County

Recommendation: Review and comment or provide direction on presented issues.

Contact: Ken Madsen, Sacramento County.

Action: Reviewed and commented.

Discussion: Ken Madsen and Reggie Nelson of Sacramento County DAC updated the Commissioners on their recent program activities. They reported that the Sac County DAC had just completed a tour of the Cal Expo Shelters, which is sponsored by the Volunteers of America. Apparently, this was the first time the Sac County DAC had visited a homeless shelter.

Mr. Madsen and Ms Nelson presented some common concerns and issues, they witnessed during their recent visit to the shelters. There was a consensus that some these conditions observed, could adversely impact individuals with disabilities who would like to seek refuges in one of the shelters at Cal Expo.

Some of the concerns cited were:

- (a) Shelter rules, terms and conditions for acceptance into a shelter, though well intended, could put undue restrictions and adversely impact persons with physical impairments and other disabilities on the orderly use of the shelters.
- (b) Lack of clarity on how to handle Service Animals by the operators of the shelters.
- (c) Transportation issues.
- (d) Emergency Preparedness.

Ken Madsen extended an invitation to the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission to come and share their own ideas, with the Sacramento County DAC, including planning a visit to the shelters at Cal Expo, possibly, at the next tour, scheduled for March 5, 2009 at 2:30 - 4:30 PM.

4. Review Draft Letter to Mayor and City Council on Commission Accomplishments and Goals

Recommendation: Review and finalize letter.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Kysor/Albritton

Yes: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Springer, Thom

No: None

Absent: Finch and Skierka

Motion **passed** to prepare and forward accomplishments letter with no changes.

5. Review Draft Letter of Support Regarding the Convention Center Proposed Theater Design.

Recommendation: Review and finalize letter.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson/Springer

Yes: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Springer, Thom

No: None

Absent: Finch and Skierka

Motion **passed** to prepare and forward project support letter with no changes.

6. Update on Current Accessibility Program Activities

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide direction.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

Action: Received and filed.

Discussion: Staff briefed the Commissioners on the information gathered on the kick-off meeting of the City Facility Review Committee (FRC) held on February 19, 2009. The FRC committee is made of representative of each city departments. The FRC acts as a clearing house whereby city facility needs program are debated and project priorities flushed out. These projects comprise of building types ranging from safety facilities, assembly to recreational. Projects could be new construction, alterations, additions, or repair (deferred maintenance). The prioritized ranked projects would be recommended to the Major and City Council for design and construction.

The FRC do not review parks or play structure, which are covered under parks master plan or Parks Planning Guide (PPG). Transportation related projects are covered under the Transportation Planning Guide (TPG).

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

7. None

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

8. Issues for Future Meetings

- a) Discuss Draft Letter of Support Regarding the Alley-loaded Housing Development by Jeremy Drucker, principal of Stitch Development,
- b) Presentation on Bike Parking in the Public Right of Way by Ed Cox, City Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator,
- c) Issues on audible signal on 7th & K,

- d) Role of City Building Inspectors on meeting the responsibility of accessibility,
- e) Role of Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) on meeting the responsibility of disability issues.
- f) Dialogue on future visit(s) to local shelters by DAC

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM. Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson/Correia.

Jeff Thom, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program