

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

MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Commissioners: Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Thom, and Riker

Excused: Commissioner: Sierra, Springer

Absent: N/A

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

Presenters: Darryl Chinn, Architect - Planning and Design member - The Florin Road Corridor Plan (FRCP).

Rocky Burks, Department of Transportation (DOT) - City of Sacramento

Guest: N/A

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Jeff Thom.

2. Roll Call of Members:

Staff conducted a roll call of the members.

3. Agenda Review:

Mr. Thom and staff reviewed the April 17, 2008 agenda. No changes were made to the order of the Agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of March 20, 2008 was approved. Commissioner Riker made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Bain. Motion passed.

5. Florin Road Corridor Project:

Darryl Chinn, Architect; Planning and Design member of the project team presented the draft concepts, the outreach efforts, and next steps of the Florin Road Corridor Plan (FRCP). Mr. Chinn explained that The (FRCP) is a comprehensive, joint City/County planning project that addresses Mobility [transportation issues, including light rail / public transportation], Infrastructure [utility conditions], Planning [the creation of design guidelines and development standards], Streetscape [plan and design the public right-of-way, including safe pedestrian path ways] and [Strategies for Economic Development] on the Florin road project.

The following general ideas were brought forth by the Commissioners to enhance accessibility, improve safety, and make it a friendlier environment for individuals with

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disabilities.

- (a) Enhanced pedestrian crosswalk, and safer crossing on street intersections, [including lengthening of the timing intervals of the crossing walks].
- (b) Provide a safe pedestrian access, separate from the traffic lane through a parking lot.
- (c) Reduce the amount of driveways and curb cuts through the shopping center areas.
- (d) Encourage the (FRCP) to make an investment and form partnership with Regional Transit, and provide *fast* and *frequent* shuttle that are connected to light rail lines and service the project areas exclusively.
- (e) Provide opportunities to locate Housing in close proximity to light rail line and public transportation stops.
- (f) Adopt smart growth principles; locate businesses, work, and shopping and entertainment avenues along public transportation lines.
- (g) Adopt model universal design ordinance that stipulates a percentage of housing stock built have a minimum accessible features.
- (h) Partner with Regional Transit to develop prototypes of Bus Stop structures with more hospitable features and located on a user friendly environment.
- (i) Improve the infrastructures, and consider relocating the power grid underground and designate pedestrian path of travel a protective zone with no protruding objects or placement of utility elements.
- (j) Increase the shopping opportunities that include grocery stores.

6. Crosswalk and Curb Ramp Orientation at Street Intersections:

Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager, Department of Transportation, discussed orientation conflicts of crosswalks and curb ramps when the width of roads at the street intersections vary in width due to various traffic conditions such as: bike lanes, dedicated vehicle turning lanes, through traffic lanes and medians. Rocky sought the commissioner's feedback in addressing some of the identified conflicts. Rocky demonstrated with (tactile sketch drawing) the problems confronted by individuals with disabilities, especially, persons that are blind when they try to cross on the [not-so-typical] street intersection. Commissioners Thom and Kysor's participation were enhanced with a tactile sketch of the intersection conflicts during the discussion.

Rocky explained what conflicts are created when using the Dual Curb Ramps at all four corners and then what conflicts are created when using any combination of Dual Curb Ramps and Single Curb Ramps at street intersections.

The Commissioners suggested to maintain the Dual curb ramp concept because it minimizes the confusion and would make crossing in street intersection safer. The

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Commissioners also understood the difficulties of limited Public Rights-of-Way that may not allow for the use of Dual Curb Ramps. Each existing intersection has to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioners were also interested in supporting way-finding alternatives when cross-walks have to be skewed due to varying road widths. Lastly, Commissioners voiced support to eliminate cross-walks that create a "chevron" like crossing as it tends to lead persons with visual disabilities into a traffic lane in the intersection.

7. Committee Report and Meeting:

The Subcommittee [Physical Access, Program Access, Public Education & Outreach] reports were tabled due to time constraint.

The Chair did ask for a motion to have Physical Access Subcommittee work with City Parks & Recreation department, specifically with Greg Narramore, the Recreation Superintendent and the Park Ranger of Granite Skate Park to come up with recommendations and report back to the full DAC. Commissioner Kysor made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion passed.

8. Staff Report:

Staff briefed the Commissioners on the discussions with the City Clerk's Office regarding City Protocols and the pros and con of Standing Committee and / or Ad-hoc Committees. Staff indicated that this topic would be on the Full DAC Agenda of May 15, 2008.

9. Public Comment - Items:

No Public comments were taken.

10. Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:

Commissioner Bain announced that the next Community meeting of the Florin Road Corridor Plan (FRCP) would be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, from 6 PM - 8 PM; in the Paratransit Auditorium, at 2501 Florin Road. Mr. Bain encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Kysor and seconded by Commissioner Benson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program