



Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

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*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
September 17, 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

September 17, 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, Commissioner Jeff Thom at 6:02 PM, on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Meeting was held at the New City Hall, Conference Room 1104.

Present - Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer, Thom

Absent - Kysor

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

Presenters: Chris Dougherty, Associate Planner, City Department of Transportation.
Ed Williams, Project Manager with City Department of Transportation.

Guest: Eugene Lozano, Terelle Terry, Linda Hinchey (Public),
Pelle Clarke, John Long with DKS Associate,
Denise Malvetti, with City Economic Development,
ED Cox, Rocky Burks, Hector Barron, with City Department of Transportation.

Agenda Review - The record reflects that changes to the agenda were made.
Presentation on Bike Access to K Street Mall was moved to the front of the agenda. This was done to accommodate staff request.

Discussion / Action Reports

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

1. Approval of Minutes for September 3, 2009

Recommendation: The minutes of September 3, 2009, were approved.

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

Action: **Minutes of September 3:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Skierka / Finch.

Yes: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer, Thom

No: N/A.

Absent: Kysor.

Abstained N/A

Motion **passed** to approve the meeting minutes of September 3, 2009.

2. Presentation on Bike Access to K Street Mall by Chris Dougherty, Associate Planner, City Department of Transportation.

Recommendation: Review and comment or provide direction on the creation of an ordinance and guidelines allowing bicycles to operate safely on K Street.

Contact: Chris Dougherty, Associate Planner, (916) 808-5680, City Department of Transportation.

Discussion: Chris Dougherty updated the Commissioners on the Bike Access to K Street Mall. He focused on two main concerns raised by the Commissioners during the August 20th 2009, presentation to DAC. The concerns are: (a) cross walk treatment and (b) separated bike lane on the tunnel leading to Old Sacramento. Staff reported that the cross walk options are being studied, but the idea of designated and separate bike lane on the tunnel is problematic.

In light of this, two motions were put forward by the Commissioners. The first motion was to recommend that bikers dismount as they transverse through the tunnel.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson/ Thom
Yes: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Thom
No: Springer
Absent: Kysor
Abstained: None

Motion **passed** to recommend that bicyclist dismount their bikes as they transverse through the tunnel leading to and out of Old Sacramento.

Staff reminded the Commissioners that the existing City Ordinance already prohibits bike ride through the tunnel.

The second motion was to recommend to the City Council that the bicycle ordinance not be adopted.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Bain/ Finch.
Yes: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Thom
No: Skierka, Springer
Absent: Kysor,
Abstained: N/A

Motion **passed** to recommend to the City Council that the bicycle ordinance not be adopted.

3. **Presentation on K Street Vehicle Traffic Study by Ed Williams, Project Manager with City Department of Transportation.**

Recommendation: Review and comment or provide direction on allowing cars to operate safely on K Street.

Contact: Ed Williams, Project Manager, (916) 808-8288, City Department of Transportation.

Discussion: Ed Williams presented the K Street Vehicle Study. He indicated that the City is proposing a “pilot program” to allow cars to operate within two blocks of K Street Mall. The two blocks in consideration are 12th to 10th or 10 to 8th. Staff indicated that the 12th to 10th scenario may pose greater conflicts due (a) location of Regional Transit (RT) platforms, (b) less concentrated business to benefit from the program. Mr. Williams said that staff would be going to City Council to ask for direction to move forward with the pilot project in late October of 2009. The Commissioners and the public in attendance had several probing questions. The questions focused on the following (a) safety of pedestrians, (b) how to mitigate conflicts between trains, cars, bicyclist and pedestrians, (c) Regional Transit (RT) schedule and safety of patrons boarding and disembarking of light rail.

In light of this, two motions were put forward by the Commissioners. The first motion was to recommend to the City Council that DAC opposed re-introducing cars on K Street Mall.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson/ Thom
Yes: None
No: None
Absent: Kysor, Skierka
Abstained: Albritton, Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Springer, Thom

Motion **failed** to recommend to the City Council that DAC opposed re-introducing cars on K Street Mall.

The second motion was moved on whether to support staff proposal to ask for direction from City Council to move forward with the “pilot project” to re-introduce cars on segment of K Street Mall (12th to 10th or 10th to 8th).

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson/ Thom.
Yes: None
No: Bain, Finch
Absent: Kysor, Skierka, Benson
Abstained: Albritton, Correia, Springer, Thom

Motion did **not pass**. The chair stated that the Commission took no position on whether to support staff proposal to ask for direction from City Council to move forward with the “pilot project” to re-introduce cars on segment of K Street Mall (12th to 10th or 10th to 8th).

Rocky volunteered to compile the concerns expressed by the disability community and members of the Disabilities Advisory Commission and have them distributed by staff to DAC. The Commission would review and comments. DAC would provide input as to how these concerns could be resolved or not.

It was also agreed that a field trip with DAC would be conducted by staff to discuss the proposed project blocks under consideration (12th to 10th or 10 to 8th). The field trip is tentatively planned in October.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

4. The public in attendance (listed on the Guest List above) commented on matters on the Agenda.

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

5. Issues for Future Meetings

Staff updated the Commissioners on Current Accessibility Programs and Activities, including the status of future Agenda items:

- (a) Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance [LR09-001], presented to DAC on couple occasions, by Greg Sandund, Assistant Planner, with City Planning Department, was adopted by Council on August 25, 2009.
- (b) Draft Universal Design Ordinance is slated to come before the DAC on October 15, 2009. The presentation would be by Greg Sandund, Assistant Planner, with City Planning Department.
- (c) The Alley Activation project was approved by City Council on August 11, 2009. Council directed staff to continue to work with project team. The project team has not confirmed their presentation to DAC. Staff would follow up.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Bain / Correia.

Jeff Thom, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program

