



Minutes

City of Sacramento
Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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| Darlene Anderson | David Bain | Joan Barden |
| Robert Benson | Dawn Correia | Debra Finch |
| Walter Johnson Jr. | Evangeline Skierka | Jessica Springer |

CITY STAFF:

*Ken Fleming, Office of Civil Rights Manager
Neal Albritton, Citywide ADA Coordinator
Obi Agha, Program Specialist*

*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104
May 19, 2011 - 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

May 19, 2011

*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 Bain at 6:04 PM on Thursday, May 19, 2011. Meeting was held at the New City Hall, Conference Room 1104. The roll call of members was also carried out by Commissioner Bain.

Commissioner Bain welcomed the new Commissioners' Johnson and Finch.

Present: Bain, Barden, Benson, Correia, Finch, Johnson, Skierka, Springer,

Absent: Anderson

Commission Staff: Obi Agha, City of Sacramento, Office of Civil Rights
Neal Albritton, City of Sacramento, Office of Civil Rights

Presenters: Kirk Thompson, Associate Architect, (916) 808-8431, Department of General Services.

Guest: N/A

Agenda Review: Commissioner Bain reviewed the order of the Agenda. The Agenda order was not changed.

Discussion / Action Reports

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 17, AND APRIL 4, 2011

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes.

Contact: Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426 or Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Office of Civil Rights, Human Resources Department.

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of March 17 and April 4, 2010

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Skierka and Benson,
Yes: Bain, Barden, Benson, Correia, Skierka Springer,
No: Anderson,

*Abstain: Finch, Johnson

*Commissioners Finch and Johnson abstained; they were not part of the Commission when the meetings (3/17 and 4/4/2011) were held.

2. NEW GREYHOUND TERMINAL UPDATE (SITE AND BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY)

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide advice.

Contact: Kirk Thompson, Associate Architect, (916) 808-8431, Department of General Services or Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager, (916) 808-5521, Department of Transportation.

Discussion:

Kirk Thompson, Associate Architect, with City Department of General Services (DGS) introduced himself and updated the Commission on the Sacramento Greyhound project current status: He said the contractor has completed the concrete flat work around the site, especially on Sequoia Blvd., including the Taxi Queuing area. Mr. Thompson reminded the Commissioners that the Greyhound project was formally presented to DAC in December of 2010, and have come before the DAC two previous times. Kirk summarized the history of the project for the benefit of the newly appointed Commissioners Finch and Johnson.

The following items were discussed:

- Two (2) accessible parking stalls are being provided, one (1) of which is designated passenger loading and unloading (drop off area) stall.
- Mr. Thompson indicated that DGS is working with Rocky Burks to install an In-Lane Rumble Bars (guide strip) on the crosswalk across the parking lot.
 - ✓ The rumble bar would function as a detectable guide for pedestrians, crosswalk. The crosswalk connects the accessible parking (access aisle) to the main entrance of the building. Additionally, and more importantly, the bar would act as guide to persons with low vision or who is blind to safely transverse from the sidewalk through the crosswalk to the front entrance of the facility.
 - ✓ The stained concrete crosswalk will contract adequately with the white colored rumble bar (guide strip).
 - ✓ Mr. Thompson mentioned that the architect of record did express some concern regarding the In-Lane Rumble Bars application and potential liability to them, should the bar becomes a trip hazard. Staff (Kirk) reassures the Commissions that given the access benefit, it is a worthwhile use. Staff will monitor and document any safety complaint brought forth due to the rumble bar application.
 - ✓ Regarding the Restroom:
Mr. Thompson noted that the vertical grab bar requested by Commissioner Benson to be installed next to the urinals, (in order to enhance access), could not be done due to lack of space. It was noted that the additional vertical grab bar application next to the urinals is not a requirement by current state standard.

Followed Kirk's presentation Rocky Burks Physical Access Manager, Department of Transportation presented (material samples) of Tactile Guide Strips (types and options) available for access applications. Sample of the In-Lane Rumble Bars recommended for

used in the project was also presented to the Commissioners. Mr. Burks highlighted the characteristics, applications, pros and cons of each option(s). Rocky indicated that the conventional detectable guide strips are not constructed to have vehicles drive over them, therefore, not very durable or appropriate for this situation, and recommended the use of the rumble bar: Rocky tallied some of the characteristic of the In-lane Rumble bar as follows:

- ✓ The rumble bar alerts the driver to special road conditions, aids slowing up traffic.
- ✓ The audible and vibratory characteristic of the In-Lane Bar with its 4" (inch) wide detectable surface would help guide pedestrians, especially persons with low vision or who is blind to transverse from the sidewalk through the crosswalk to the front entrance of the facility.
- ✓ Mr. Burks had spoken to Mr. Jeff Thom and Gene Lozano of this application and both were optimistic the selected rumble bars would help provide access into the facility across the parking lot.
- ✓ Rocky requested DAC concurrence to move forward with the use of the In-Lane Rumble Bar at the specified locations.

Commission Benson move to have DAC accept the proposal to use the In-Lane Rumble Bars, (on a trial base), as the detectable Guide Strip used on the crosswalk at the parking lot.

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Benson and Finch,
Yes: Bain, Barden, Benson, Correia, Finch, Johnson, Skierka, Springer,
No: Anderson,

Staff will report back approximately in a year for status report of the application and any complaint received, associated with the rumble application in the meantime would be document and followed through.

3. UPDATE ON ACCESSIBLE TAXI STING OPERATIONS

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide advice.

Contact: Ron O'Connor, Chief of Housing and Dangerous Buildings, (916) 808-8183, Code Enforcement.

Discussion:

Ron O'Connor, Chief of Housing and Dangerous Buildings Code Enforcement updated the Commission on the accessible Taxi Sting Operations. Mr. O'Connor reported that no sting had occurred in the past (2 ½) two and half years, and no complaints received. He said a total of (4) four stings have been conducted since the ordinance was enacted, and no violations found.

The following items were noted by Ron:

- ✓ Safety equipments are constantly checked
- ✓ All taxis allowed guide dogs
- ✓ Wheelchair are being accommodated
- ✓ All but (3) three fleets have been inspected this year
- ✓ Biggest issues are Taxi drivers fighting over the fares being charged.

- ✓ Mr. O'Connor indicated that Division is losing 3 code enforcement officers; due to the City's budget woes and future Sting Operations would be adversely impacted. Commissioner Barden offered to help in future Stings
- ✓ Stings are not in the ordinance

Mr. O'Connor also indicated the following Tax Rules are currently applicable:

- 1 (one) van for 1-25 vehicles
- 2 (two) van for 26-50 vehicles
- 3 (three) van for 51-75 vehicles

4. UPDATE ON CURRENT ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide advice. (Refer to list on Page 4 of this Agenda for additional information).

Contact: Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, or Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Office of Civil Rights, Human Resources Department.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

5. TO BE ANNOUNCED

No Public

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

6. ISSUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Barden reminded the Commissioners of the up-coming 5th Annual Celebration of Oak Park and suggests inviting DAC and staff to attend, and possibly a table event to distribute DAC information.

Commissioner Correia asked if DAC would celebrate Jeff Thom Long Distinguished Service to the DAC and any ideas on how to recognize Commissioner Thom.

Neal Albritton updated the DAC on the up-coming **disABILITY SUMMIT 2011** scheduled for June 28-29 in Sacramento at the Department of Health Care Services -1500 Capitol Avenue Auditorium. Registration is limited to 280 seats.

Staff will present a draft ADA Facilities Transition Plan Narratives at the next DAC meeting of June 16, 2011.

Commissioners suggested adding DAC website link where other Commissioners are listed. Staff is to check with City Clerk's office.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Barden/ Benson.

David Bain, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program

| Status of City Accessibility Programs and Activities (for reference) | |
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| Program/Activity: | Status: [as listed below, or will be discussed at the meeting] |
| 1. Council Awards Presentation for Stellar Efforts Relating to Accessibility. | Status Pending |
| 2. Website content addressing quarterly recognition of individuals for remarkable efforts in accessibility. | Status Pending |
| 3. CASp Certification and Permit Process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectiveness of CASp training and certification; Request presentation by City Inspectors. | Training was provided in 2010 to key staff throughout the City enhance their Physical and Program Access knowledge and to prepare for the CASp exam. Feedback from participants noted that the training enhanced their preparation for the CASp exam. The City currently exceeds the minimum requirement of CASp certified staff. A presentation by City Inspectors is pending. |
| 4. Accessibility Device Transition Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many conference rooms? What is required by code checklist? | Status Pending |
| 5. Crocker Art Museum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up on accessibility programs including assistive listening devices? Checklist or review process for all museums? Follow-up on evacuation training program? Follow-up regarding audio description efforts. Accessible path of travel/crosswalk to museum entrance. | A follow-up report/presentation to the DAC by DGS and the Historic Director is pending. An onsite walk-through by the ADA Coordinator and the Director of DOT occurred in 2010, shortly after the issue of concern was raised, regarding the accessible path of travel to the museum entrance. It was confirmed that there are no noncompliant issues regarding this matter and that the current path of travel offers the greatest level of accessibility. |
| 6. Accessibility Issues related to meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a review process for scheduled meetings that address accessibility/ADA issues when setting a venue? Issues relating to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Public Transportation access Meeting Room access Restroom access Accessible information and materials | March 2011 - A checklist was provided to Neighborhood Services for distribution to Vendors and for internal use to ensure accessible meetings. The Office of Civil Rights continues to provide ongoing technical assistance as needed when access issues arise. |
| 7. Management Education Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a training program for management regarding ADA policies and programs? Steps needed to improve training? | The Office of Civil Rights continues to deliver presentations on FEHA, ADA and the City's Administrative Policy #11 to City Management. We are in the process of developing multimedia content, including captioned video, of the training material for posting on the City's Intranet site. |

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| 8. Well Springs (3 rd /4 th Avenues): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues relating to overcrowding, permits and safety | Status Pending |
| 9. Accessible Taxis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of Sting Operations | Presentation with updates by Ron O'Connor to DAC on 5/2/2011. |
| 10. Universal Design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact on new developments? Process to encourage and expand Universal Access? | Status Pending |
| 11. Township Nine Project | Staff is facilitating a follow-up on Township 9 presentation. |
| 12. Business Permit Process: Advisory and Educational Checklist for Business License Application | Status Pending |
| 13. Building Permit Process: Is Accessibility review a separate discipline and /or process. | Status Pending |
| 14. Greyhound Depot | Follow up status report from Rocky Burks and Kirk Thompson |