



# Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

## COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Neal Albritton	David Bain	Robert Benson
Dawn Correia	Lester Finch, Jr.	Dan Kysor
Jeff Thom	Evangeline "Angie" Skierka	Jessica Springer

## CITY STAFF:

*Ken Fleming, Equal Opportunity Manager  
Michael Paravagna, ADA Coordinator  
Obi Agha, Program Specialist*

*New City Hall  
915 I Street, 1st Floor - Conference Room 1104  
May 21, 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

**May 21, 2009**

*New City Hall  
915 I Street - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Commissioner Jeff Thom at 6.02 p.m. on Thursday May 21, 2009 at the Sacramento City Hall Conference Room 1104. Staff present, were introduced.
- Present -** Albritton, Benson, Correia, Finch, Kysor, Skierka, Springer, Thom,
- Absent -** Bain
- Commission Staff:** Michael Paravagna and Obi Agha, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program
- Presenters:** Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager, City Department of Transportation.
- Guest:** N/A
- Agenda Review -** The record reflects that no changes were made to the order of the agenda.

## Discussion / Action Reports

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

### **1. Approval of Minutes for May 4, and 21, 2009**

**Recommendation:** To move the approval of the minutes of May 4 and 21, 2009, at the meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

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

### **2. Presentation on Annual Prospective Plan for Project under Barden Settlement by Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager.**

**Recommendation:** Review and comment or provide advice on: 1) report on construction projects planned for FY 2009 /2010 accessibility compliance in the Public Rights-of-Way; and; 2) seeks concurrence and approval from Commissioners.

**Contact:** Rocky Burks, (916) 808-5521, Department of Transportation.



**Discussion:** Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager with City Department of Transportation presented the FY 2009 / 2010 Annual Prospective Plan for Project under Barden Settlement. His presentation conformed with the Staff Report to DAC dated May 21, 2009. This Staff report was transmitted to the Commissioners prior to the 5/21/09 meeting. Mr. Burks explained in details the FY 2009 /10 prospective plan for Pedestrian Right-of-Way projects, which comprised of five program areas, description of accessibility work and budgetary cost estimate under each program areas.

The program areas consist of the following:

- a) Curb ramps
- b) Citizens requesting curb ramps
- c) Non-curb related citizen request
- d) 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agreement Projects
- e) Accessibility features within other Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

The projected budgetary total estimated cost for the five program area mentioned above for the FY 2009/10 prospective plan for Pedestrian Right-of-Way projects is \$10,689,909. Rocky emphasized that this new cost estimated does not include the already approved budget from the previous years. The \$10,689,909 for FY 2009/10 is over and above approved dollars from prior years.

Rocky also pinpointed that item (e) above which comprised of specific project targeted for accessibility features, such as curb ramps, crosswalk, pedestrian signals, pedestrian Islands, sidewalks, bulb outs, etc, and constructed as part of other projects would be counted under [Accessibility features within other Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) program area]. This is estimated to cost \$5,609,909, which is the largest cost of the five program areas.

The staff recommended that the Disability Advisory Commission approve the FY 2009/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-way. The DAC promulgated three motions towards the eventual approval of the FY 2009/10

The three motions are as follows:

- (a) The first motion was promulgated to **accommodate** staff's request for recommendation that the Disability Advisory Commission approve the FY 200/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-way.

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

Motion **passed** to put forward a motion to accommodate staff's request for recommendation that the Disability Advisory Commission approve the FY 200/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-way.

- (b) The second motion was proclaimed to **accept** the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Rights-of-Way Implementation Plan and Approval of the FY 2009/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-Way; **on condition:**
  - ✓ That the City of Sacramento, Department of Transportation (DOT), in the design and construction of the proposed Interstate 80 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project employ

architectural elements that clearly delineate pedestrian circulation from that of bicycle traffic.

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

Motion **passed** to accept the condition promulgated:

- ✓ That the City of Sacramento, Department of Transportation (DOT), in the design and construction of the proposed: Interstate 80 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project, employ architectural elements that clearly delineate pedestrian circulation from that of bicycle traffic.

And the above stated condition: Be the guiding principle of the acceptance and the approval of the FY 200/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-way.

- (c) The third motion was made known the DAC **supports** the plan of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Rights-of-Way Implementation Plan of the FY 2009/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-Way;

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

Motion **passed** to support the FY 200/10 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-way.

3. **Review Draft Letter of Support regarding Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance [LR09-001] presented to DAC on 4/16/09 by Greg Sandund, Assistant Planner, with City Planning Department.**

**Recommendation:** Review and finalize letter.

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

Motion was proclaimed to **accept** the Letter of Support regarding Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance, incorporating the revisions made by Commissioners Springer.

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

Motion **passed** to accept the final draft of the Letter of Support regarding Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance.

#### **4. Alley Activation Accessibility Discussion**

**Recommendation:** To moved to the June 1, 2009 DAC meeting.

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

#### **5. Update on Current Accessibility Program Activities**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file or provide direction.

**Contact:** Michael Paravagna, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Human Resources Department.

**Action:** Received and filed.

**Discussion:** Staff updated the Commissioners on the current accessibility program activities.

- Michael Paravagna, announced that this meeting of May 21, 2009 was his last DAC meeting as the City ADA Coordinator.

The follow listed accessibility program activities was reported to DAC by Michael Paravagna as activities that he had shepherd within the last two years of his tenure.

- ✓ New Grievance procedure,
  - ✓ New Title 24 enforcement system,
  - ✓ New ADA Notice,
  - ✓ Creation of the PACT,
  - ✓ Parks is now working on their Transition Plan and training will be provided,
  - ✓ Within employment, an improved awareness for the reasonable accommodation process. A policy committee is recommended,
  - ✓ Six public events were produced,
  - ✓ The Department of Planning showed great advances in embracing the concepts of access and inclusion,
  - ✓ Monthly meeting were held with DGS to; select ADA projects, address policy needs and monitor project movement. IT is recommended the DOT be part of these meetings,
  - ✓ The DAC begin a department recognition program,
  - ✓ EO/ADA will be creating a intranet based Guidance system to provide City information regarding disability issues,
  - ✓ More Work is needed on:
    - Accessible Housing
    - Physical access
- Obi Agha asked the Commissioner to mark their calendars for June 12, 2009, for Michael Paravagna's send-off celebration.
  - Commissioner Albritton spoke about the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA celebration.
  - Rocky Burks in response to Commissioner Kysor status report on the R Street Detectable Warning Surface (DWS) at Railroad Crossing between 16<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Street / at the two light rail stations; ask the Commissioners to review past DAC meeting minutes for additional information on this topic. Mr. Burks reiterated that eventually, all the crossings at railroad and city sidewalk crossings will have DWS installed.

## Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

4. None

## Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

### 5. Issues for Future Meetings

- (a) Alley Activation Accessibility Discussion.
- (b) Presentation on 65<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area Study by Fedolia “Sparky” Harris, Senior Planner.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Springer / Skierka.

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Jeff Thom, Chair

Attest:

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Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist  
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program