



# Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

## COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Vacant	David Bain	Robert Benson
Dawn Correia	Lester Finch, Jr.	Dan Kysor
Jeff Thom	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  
January 21, 2010 - 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

**January 21, 2010**

***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 Springer at 6:10 PM on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Meeting was held at New City Hall, Conference Room 1104.  
The roll call of members was carried out by staff per Ms. Springer's request.

**Present:** Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer,

**Absent:** Bain, Kysor, Thom.

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

**Presenters:** None

**Guest:** None

**Agenda Review:** The record reflects that no changes to the January 21, 2010 agenda were made.

## **Discussion / Action Reports**

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

### **1. Approval of Minutes for January 4, 2010**

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission minutes.

**Contact:** Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Office of Civil Rights.

**Action:** Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Skierka and Finch

**Yes:** Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer

**No:** Bain, Kysor, Thom (absent)

**Abstain:** None

## 2. Staff Update on Current Accessibility Program and Activities

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

**Contact:** Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Office of Civil Rights.

- Continued activities by staff focused on physical and program access improvements within the City and improving access to electronic information via the Web.
- The City Clerk's Office has put out announcements of available positions on the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission (DAC). According to the City Clerk's Office, there are 4 vacancies on DAC waiting to be filled or for reappointment. The application announcement and form are on the City Clerk's website. Hard copies of the application are available at the City Clerk's Office and the Office of Civil Rights for distribution on request.
  - Neal Albritton, former seat: application for this position is due February 12, 2010.
  - One seat has served a full term and is not eligible for reappointment: application for this position is due April 9, 2010.
  - Two seats can be filled by either, reappointment by current (seated) member(s) or filled by new members: application for this position is due April 9, 2010.
- Staff encouraged the Commissioners to review their status (Current Appointment and, Term Expiration dates) and act accordingly, and to contact the City Clerk's Office if they like to review their appointment record.
- Staff also, encouraged the Commissioners to continue their outreach on filling the vacant positions on the DAC. Staff has outreached with Marty Omotto, and SILC.
- City of Sacramento "Access Leisure Program" presented to DAC on December 7, 2009. Follow up with staff request for DAC to write a Letter of Support, Recommendation and Sponsorship: City Clerk's Office affirmed that individual members are welcome to write letter(s) of support to the organization (Access Leisure), and the program they offer, as long as the letter is written, not on behalf of the DAC. This would avoid the possible violation of the ordinance by which the DAC was established. If DAC needed further clarification, staff will check with the City Attorney's office.

Letters of Support, Recommendation and Sponsorship should be forwarded to the Access Leisure, Attn as follows:

- **Access Leisure and Paralympic Sport Sacramento:**  
Annie Desalernos, Program Supervisor,  
City of Sacramento  
Access Leisure and Paralympic Sport Sacramento



Department of Parks and Recreation  
1331 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
Phone: (916) 808-3809

- **City of Sacramento Teen Program:**  
Pam Prater, Program Supervisor,  
City of Sacramento  
Teen Program  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
1331 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
Phone: (916) 808-1203
- The Draft Universal Design Ordinance [LR09-017] presented to DAC on two different occasions (10/15 & 12/17/09) by Greg Sandlund, Associate Planner, City Community Development Department was approved by the Law and Legislation Committee on January 19, 2010. The draft ordinance will amend Title 15 of the City Code (the Building Code). Next, staff will forward a recommendation of approval to the full City Council. Staff would notify the Commissioners of the date, with an invitation to attend and support.
- Staff indicated that City Parks and Recreation department is leading the charge to form a task force to discuss, review, amend and provide input on key policy issues related to Special Event Ordinance. This ordinance regulates special events occurring on public property. Dave Mitchell, Operational Manager, Department of Parks & Recreation (916) 808-6076 is the contact staff for this project.
- ADA 2010 Anniversary Celebration team is finalizing logistics and scheduling of speakers and activities.
- Historical Underground Tour/Old Sacramento, project manager has indicated a strong interest to presenting the project to DAC. Staff will coordinate with lead department and schedule a presentation. Meanwhile, staff (Neal and Obi), have been invited to a tour of the Historic Underground structure on 1/26/10.
- Staff attended the “Alley Activation” planning meeting on 1/21/10. A presentation of the project to DAC is tentatively scheduled for Thursday (2/18/10).
- Staff is looking into the contact information on inviting the City Police and the Sheriff, to present to DAC on Disabilities awareness training.
- Staff encouraged the Commissioners to start thinking about what they want to actively work of this year 2010. Staff is a resource for the Commission.
- Staff reminded the Commissioners about actively planning their election of a chair and a vice chairperson, especially with Chair Thom pending retirement.

## Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

3. There were no public comments.

## Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

### 4. Issues for Future Meetings

- **Action Needed:** Staff to identify and invite a representative from the Police and Sheriff's Departments to address disability awareness training needs of their officers.
- Roles and Responsibilities of the City Building Department with respect to Title III of the ADA and the recent Senate Bill (SB 1608).

### Commissioners Questions

- The Commissioners wondered if there are process in place for receiving and resolving complaints before it gets to the litigation stage, in light of, the recent law suit involving the City and the Sacramento Community Center Theater. Staff indicated that he planned to set up a meeting with the Convention Center staff.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Benson / Skierka.

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Jeff Thom, Chair

Attest:

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Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist  
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program