

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 08, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M.  
New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room -1104**

**Present:** Commissioner Bain, Benson, Riker, Thom, Skierka, Springer, Sylvia.

**Excused:** Commissioner Brown, Kysor.

**Absent:** N/A

**Commission Staff:** Michael Paravagna, Obi Agha.

**Presenters:** N/A.

**Guest:** David Newman, City Organizational Development.

**1. Call to Order**

The Special meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the new Chair, Commissioner Jeff Thom.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

Chair Thom asked staff to conduct a roll call of the members. A brief introduction of members and guest was conducted.

Mr. Thom asked for the review of the agenda. Item 4, Comments / Announcements was moved up the agenda order to accommodate Commissioner Riker who requested an early exit from the meeting. Ms. Riker updated the Commissioners on her discussions with Ms. Dafna, the City Permit Manager, on the enforcement of the Taxi Ordinance. Ms. Riker expressed her concern that out of the five (5) current Taxi Associations operating in the City, she had seen only one or two taxis with International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA).

Mr. Thom requested a review of DAC calendar activities for the remainder of the year. Staff Obi Agha reviewed with the Commissioners the projects and informational items slated to come before the DAC in October thru December of 2007.

Mr. Agha reported that the Beth Tincher with City Economic Development Department would present the Dock Riverfront Parkway and Dock Promenade Pedestrian Master Plan projects, on October 18, 2007. The City Planning Department and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) staff would present the 2030 General Plan Update and the Housing Element projects, respectively, on November 15, 2007. Mr. Agha also indicated that City Convention Culture and Leisure (CC&L) staff has requested to come before the DAC on December 20, 2007 to present the Memorial Auditorium Landscape plan.

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Staff Michael Paravagna, reported that Rick Martinez, the City / County Emergency Disaster Preparedness Coordinator requested to come before the DAC. Mr. Thom asked staff to check on Mr. Rick Martinez calendar and possibly schedule him for either the 15<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of November. The Website Update information presentation was tentatively scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of November (Program Access Committee meeting date). Mr. Thom added that the full commission is welcome to attend.

Commissioner Bain expressed interest in having the Planning Department staff come before the DAC to update the Commissioners on the design criteria the private Developer's employ in planning and constructing the three storey housing type (with no elevators) in and around mid town Sacramento.

**3. Board Orientation and Strategic Planning of DAC Activities**

David Newman with City Organizational Development facilitated the Strategic Planning of DAC Activities for the coming year of 2008. Mr. Newman opened with reviewing the responsibilities of the three (3) current committees - Program Access, Physical Access and the Outreach & Education Committee.

Mr. Newman then asked the commissioners if a fourth committee is needed to handle City-County wide emergency in the event of a disaster. Mr. Paravagna explained the reasoning behind the concept of such a set up, handling disaster that could impact persons with disabilities City-County wide. After further discussion, the Commissioners decided that the idea of a fourth committee should be tabled till after Mr. Rick Martinez presentation to the DAC.

Mr. Newman facilitated a Brainstorming Exercise on what the Commissioners would like to accomplish in the next 12 months relative to programs goals and projects coming before the DAC.

About half a dozen (goals and objectives) were charted under each sub-committee - Program Access, Physical Access and the Outreach and Education Committee. The Commissioners had discussion on the listed goals.

Mr. Newman would compile the list and send them to staff for review and distribution to the Commissioners.

It was decided that next steps would be accomplished in the following ways:

- (1) Each committee would prioritize the goals and strategies and bring back to the full Commissions.
- (2) Full Commission would make decision(s) on sub-committee assignments.

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The session ended with the Commissioners expressed gratitude to Mr. Newman. Chair Jeff Thom thanked him on behalf of the DAC for facilitating the Strategic Planning.

**4. Comments and Announcement**

No “public” comments were made. Commissioner Thom asked that the Taxi update be agenized for the November 15, meeting, and also to check on Rick Martinez’s availability.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Springer and seconded by Commissioner Skierka.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist

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