



Minutes

City of Sacramento
Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Darlene Anderson	David Bain, Chair	Joan Barden
Tina Johnson	Dawn Correia	Debra Finch
Walter Johnson Jr.	Evangeline Skierka	Jessica Springer, Vice Chair

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
September 15, 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.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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MINUTES

September 15, 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 6:05 PM on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Meeting was held at the New City Hall, Conference Room 1104. The roll call of members was also carried out by Commissioner Bain.

David Bain introduced Ms. Tina Beth Johnson, the newly appointed Commissioner. Ms. Johnson briefly spoke about her background and what she would bring to the Commission. In addition former Commissioner Robert Benson and former Chair Jeff Thom were present. David acknowledged Mr. Benson and thanked him for his six years of service on the DAC and also welcomed Mr. Thom.

Present: Anderson, Bain, Barden, Correia, Finch, Johnson Jr., Johnson, Skierka, Springer.

Absent: N/A

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

Presenters: N/A

Guest: Robert Benson, Jeff Thom,
Ken Fleming, Office of Civil Rights Manager.

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 AUGUST 1, 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 August 1, 2011

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioners Correia and Barden
Yes: Anderson, Bain, Barden, Correia, Finch, Johnson Jr., Springer
No: N/A

Abstain: Johnson, Skierka

2. UPDATE ON CURRENT ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Recommendation: Receive and file or provide advice. (Refer to list on Page 6 of this Agenda for additional information)

Neal Albritton discussed DAC October 4, 2011 City Council presentation in conjunction with the Council's recognition of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Mr. Albritton reported that the certificates are ready and will be presented to the three Departments at the Council meeting.

Three City Departments being recognized are Community Development , IT and Parks & Rec) for their efforts in "collaboration with the City's ADA Coordinator that have enhanced accessibility to people with disabilities and increased employee skills and resources needed to address challenging ADA issues that the City encounters".

The Agenda for the October 4, 2011 was distributed by staff to the Commissioners during the meeting. Presenters are David Bain-Chair; Jessica Springer-Vice Chair and Neal Albritton-City ADA Coordinator, who would introduce the presenters.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

3. Former Commissioner and Chair Jeff Thom expressed appreciation to members who attended the recent "Mutt Strut" activities. This was the First Annual California Council (CCB) of the Blind Mutt Strut and was held September 10, 2011. It was a 2K/5K Fun Run Event for People and their Mutts, in-order to promote opportunity, educate and raise fund so that the CCB can continue making a difference in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired. Mr. Thom said it was a great opportunity to showcase people with disabilities.

Mr. Thom expressed interest in participating on the Tour of the newly constructed Greyhound Terminal, when scheduled.

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

3. ISSUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Barden wondered how the city could improve and safeguard wheelchair access on the city sidewalk, especially sidewalk that are damaged or lack maintenance. Commissioner Tina Johnson concurred with Ms. Barden concern. Staff will invite Rocky Burks, Physical Access Manager, with Department of Transportation, to address city sidewalk safety issues.

Commissioners expressed interest in touring the newly constructed Greyhound Terminal, and asked that staff contact Kirk Thompson the city project manager to conduct the tour as a follow-up to his May 19, 2011 presentation to DAC. The Commission opted to form an Ad Hoc group to go to this tour, when scheduled, and report back to DAC. The Ad hoc members are Commissioners Barden and Tina Johnson; with an invitation extended to former Chair of the DAC, Jeff Thom to participate. Mr. Thom accepted.

Commissioner Tina Johnson suggested inviting Commissioners to the Statewide Disability Employment Awareness Month activities, scheduled to take place on October 5, 2011 at CalEPA Building Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street, Sacramento, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 PM.

Commissioner Joan Barden would like City Parks and Recreation Department to identify a permanent accessible location for Oak Park Farmer's Market next year 2012. The event is growing tremendously with lots of people with disabilities in attendance Ms. Barden indicated. Staff to look into the Farmer's Market connection to the City. Joan also raised issues with accessibility to both the event and the Park.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Tina Johnson/Finch.

David Bain, Chair

Attest:

Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program

Status of City Accessibility Programs and Activities (for reference)	
Program/Activity:	Status: [as listed below, or will be discussed at the meeting]
1. Council Awards Presentation for Stellar Efforts Relating to Accessibility.	Tentatively scheduled for October 2011 Council Meeting
2. Website content addressing quarterly recognition of individuals for remarkable efforts in accessibility.	Status Pending August meeting with IT Division Manager regarding designated staff availability.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many conference rooms? ii. 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. 	<p>A follow-up report/presentation to the DAC by DGS and the Historic Director is pending.</p> <p>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.</p>
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Public Transportation access ii. Meeting Room access iii. Restroom access 	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.

iv. Accessible information and materials	
<p>7. Management Education Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a training program for management regarding ADA policies and programs? • Steps needed to improve training? 	<p>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.</p> <p>August 10, 2011 Update: Neal Albritton met with Parks & Recreation Management Team to train, provide technical assistance, and develop implementation process related to accessibility requirements and process for accessible digital documents.</p>
<p>8. Well Springs (3rd/4th Avenues):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues relating to overcrowding, permits and safety 	Status Pending
<p>9. Accessible Taxis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Sting Operations 	Presentation with updates by Ron O'Connor to DAC on 5/2/2011.
<p>10. Universal Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on new developments? • Process to encourage and expand Universal Access? 	Status Pending
11. Township Nine Project	Staff and Project Private Developer were contacted for possible presentation to DAC. Presentation date not confirmed by project team.
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 Adhoc tour and follow-up to Kirk Thompson's (city staff) presentation	Status Pending
15. Rocky Burks to report on Sidewalk Safety Issues raised by Commissioner Barden.	Status Pending