

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Commissioners: Bain, Benson, Correia, Finch, Kysor, Skierka, Springer, Thom.

Excused: N/A,

Absent: N/A

Commission Staff: Obi Agha and Michael Paravagna, City of Sacramento, EO/ADA Program.

Presenters: Roy Tatman, Parks & Recreation (P&R) - City of Sacramento.

Guest: Ron Brown, Rocky Burks

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Chairman, Mr. Jeff Thom.

Roll Call of Members:

Chairman Thom conducted a roll call of the members.

Agenda Review:

The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made to the order of the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of August 21, 2008 was approved. Commissioner Finch made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Kysor. Commissioner Springer abstained. The motion passed.

Sutter's Landing Park Interim Improvements

Roy Tatman, Associate Landscape Architect with City Parks and Recreation presented the Sutter's Landing Park Interim Improvements. The proposed project is located in the Sutter's Landing Regional Park bounded by the American River to the north, Business 80 to the east, Business 80 and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPR) tracks to the south.

The Interim Improvement(s) is located in the 32-acre study area, within the "West Site" and the American River Parkway. Staff emphasized that the Interim Improvement to be completed by the end of 2009 comprised of the following:

- Four-acre Dog Park, including, drinking fountains, benches, shade shelter, and landscaping and tree planting to make the park looking green.
- Three bocce courts with shade.
- At least on full size basket ball.

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- Parking lot improvements.
- New restroom facilities.
- River access trail connection.

Mr. Tatman answered questions from the Commissioners followed by discussion. Mr. Tatman mentioned that at this stage the only means of getting into the proposed project would be thru vehicular means, however, the project is accessible once you are in the park.

Some of the (access) concerns raised by the Commissioners are as follows:

- (a) Lack of accessible sidewalk, due to the existing extreme grade change to the south of the site adjoining (28th Street).
- (b) Access across the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPR) tracks to the south.
- (c) Safety issues and lack of separation between pedestrian traveling into the proposed park and trucks that belong to a private mining operation - (Harbor Sand and Gravel), which reside west of the proposed project site.

Overall, the commissioners commended staff for bringing the project before the Commissioners, expressed interest on continuing the dialogue of general access into the park by persons with disabilities, especially, as the project expands to an eventual Regional Park. The Commissioners also asked that the project come back for an update on a future date.

Review Final Draft Letter to Council on Department Recognition

Obi Agha, updated the Commissioners on the progress on the activities surrounding the DAC presentation to the City Council, department's recognition of the Convention Culture & Leisure, Neighborhood Services, Parks & Recreation and Planning departments.

Staff confirmed the activities would consist of the following:

- (a) Proclamation recognizing Disability Awareness Month - October, 2008
- (b) Commendation letter from DAC to be read by Commissioner -Chair Jeff Thom, to the City Council, recognizing the selected departments.
- (c) Certificate award to the Department Directors.

A motion was moved by Commissioner Springer and seconded by Commissioner Kysor approving the Department Recognition for the exemplary work each department had made in continuing to ensure that their programs, services and activities are inclusive and accessible and authorizing staff to proceed and set a date in October of 2008, for DAC presentation to the City Council. Motion passed.

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Staff Report:

Michael Paravagna briefed the Commissioners on the following accessibility and program activities:

- Update on the Community meeting held at the Pannell Center on 8/28/2008.
- Information regarding our efforts to coordinate the City Transition Plan.
- Reported that the Department of Utility has agreed to a staff training series.
- Reports on our survey at Camp Sacramento and the upcoming master plan.
- Noted that access has been improved as the accessible doors now open wider.
- Update on the planning for the Community Theater ADA project:
- Noted that we will be moving forward on the Robertson Center Project soon.

Mr. Agha reported that the Sacramento Intermodal Transportation Facilities - Railyard projects are slated to come before the DAC on September 18, 2008, and in November 20, 2008, the Community Center Theater - architectural concept plan would be presented to the DAC.

Rocky Burks, staff with City Department of Transportation briefed the Commissioners on criteria the City Department of Transportation uses to install Detectable Warning Surface (DWS) on City's intersections. Mr. Burks indicated that, if there are corners where no detectable warnings exist; and happens, to be in the path of travel for a person needing detectable warnings, and if the ramps are compliant, the City will install surface applied DWS (when the Department receives a citizen request). However, DOT will not install DWS, if the curb ramps are not compliant until replaced with compliant one.

Additionally, according to staff, there may have been new ramps constructed on one corner due to (developments) that triggered the construction of new ramps, leaving the other corners with existing ramps that may or may not be compliant; those corners would be addressed either through future new developments, an overlay project or citizen request per Barden.

In light of this, and in the effort of providing greater accessibility, Mr. Burks indicated that the Department of Transportation is in the process of updating their Design and Procedure Manual, to further clarify steps to follow when private development is occurring at the City corners, with adjoining curbs ramp that require new complaint ramp. The updated procedure would have provisions to ensure that the receiving ramps on the opposite side of the streets are constructed. The city may elect to reimburse the developer for the cost of ramp construction.

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A motion was moved by Commissioner Kysor and seconded by Commissioner Springer to acknowledge the receipt of the staff report of September 8, 2008.

Agenda for Next Meetings:

The following are potential Agenda ideas for coming DAC meetings:

- Emergency Preparedness and the 311 contact information on who to contact when emergency occurs, such as storm or evidence of life-wire due to storm.

Public Comment - Items:

No public comment.

Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47P.M. Moved by Commissioner Correia and seconded by Commissioner Kysor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program