

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

MEETING MINUTES

**January 24, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.
New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1st Floor Conference Room -1104**

Present: Commissioners: Benson, Kysor, Riker, Skierka, Thom, Springer.
Excused: Commissioners: Brown, Bain, Sylvia.
Absent: N/A
Commission Staff: Obi Agha, City of Sacramento, EEO/ADA Program.

Presenters: N/A

Guest: N/A

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Jeff Thom.

2. Roll Call of Members:

Mr. Thom conducted a roll call of the members.

3. Agenda Review:

Mr. Thom reviewed the January 24, 2008 agenda. No changes were made to the Agenda order.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of December 20, 2007 was approved. Commissioner Springer made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Kysor. Motion passed.

5. Committee Report

The Physical Access, Program Access and Outreach /Education (O&E), Subcommittees updated their recent activities.

Commissioner Jean Riker, reported on the outcome of the January 14, 2008 Physical Access Subcommittee meeting and their efforts on prioritization the five major subject matters brought forth during the Strategic Planning workshop conducted on October 8, 2007. In other to effectively tackle and focus on developing strategies, Ms. Riker stated that their effort would center on the following.

- (a) Investigating the availability of "subject matter expert(s)", on prioritized items, and extending invitation to these "Experts" to come and speak to the Committee.
- (b) Focusing on issues such as [Accessible/ Affordable Housing and Visit ability].

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- (c) Consistent and regular updates on matters of Public Right of Way [PROW], especially as it relates to the City's implementation of the Barden Case.

Commissioner Thom stated that the Program Access Subcommittee did not meet on January 23, 2008. Mr. Thom indicated the February meeting would focused on looking at the items identified during the October 8, 2008 Strategic Planning meeting and prioritizing one or two items that the Commissioner can really work on.

Commissioner Springer stated that the Outreach and Education Subcommittee did not meet on January 4, 2008 due to lack of quorum.

6. Staff Report

Obi Agha reminded the Commissioners of the importance of personal commitment to the team and regular attendance. Mr. Agha encouraged the Commissioners to RSVP their attendance for DAC meetings to determine in advance if a quorum is established.

7. Public Comment - Items

No Public comments were taken.

8. Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission

Mr. Agha stated the Personnel & Public Employees Committee (P&PE) met on January 15, 2008 in regards for recruiting for the DAC opening. There were five applicants for one vacant position. Staff is making recommendations to the Council and Mayor with two applicant names forwarded to the Mayor.

Commissioner Thom questioned the effectiveness of the current "Standing Committee". Mr. Thom facilitated discussion on whether continuing the status quo, or reconfiguring an Ad-hoc committee, combining committees, to work on subject matters or topics important to the Commission would be more effective. After much deliberation the Commissioners decided to continue to function under the three existing standing committees.

The February 28, 2008 Open House Forum was announced. Commissioner Thom encouraged the Commissioners to attend, and actively participate and be visible during the meeting.

Commissioner Kysor raised the issue of the "Street Furniture Placement" at the Library "I" Street. The Commissioner asked to include this on our February Full DAC Meeting Agenda, and invite staff (possible from the Library Organization) to come and present Library Accessibility as it relates to the Street Furniture on I street.

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The Commissioner also asked that staff investigate the possibility of including the following reports on the February 21, 2008 DAC Agendas, and inviting DOT Access Manager, Rocky Burks to come before DAC and present the following:

- (a) City coordination with Regional Transit in regards to Light Rail Station(s) Detectable Warning Surface that may not meet the code requirement.
- (b) Use of Barden Monies - How are the priorities set? And how are the issues of lack of adequate Detectable Warning Surface on RT coordinated.
- (c) Memorial Auditorium "Bus drop-off" proposal review request.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Benson and seconded by Commissioner Skierka.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program