



# Minutes

City of Sacramento  
Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission

## COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Joan Barden	David Bain	Robert Benson
Dawn Correia	Lester Finch, Jr.	Vacant
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  
May 3, 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

May 3, 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 Chair David Bain at 6:05 PM on Monday, May 3, 2010. Meeting was held at New City Hall, Conference Room 1104. The roll call of members was also carried out by Mr. Bain.

**Present:** Bain, Barden, Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer, Thom

**Absent:** NA

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

**Presenters:** Lieutenant Don Rehm of Sacramento Police Department

**Guest:** None

**Agenda Review:** Commissioner Bain reviewed the Agenda. The record reflects that no changes were made to the May 3, 2010 agenda.

## Discussion / Action Reports

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

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 15, 2010

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission minutes.

**Contact:** Obi Agha, Program Specialist, (916) 808-8426, Human Resources Department.

The Commissions approved the meeting minutes of April 15, 2010.

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

**Yes:** Bain, Barden, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer

**No:** N/A

**Abstain:** Benson, Thom

## 2. PRESENTATION BY SACRAMENTO PD REGARDING OFFICER TRAINING & PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

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

**Contact:** Lieutenant Don Rehm, Sacramento Police Department.

### **Discussion:**

Lieutenant Don Rehm of Sacramento Police Department presentation to DAC summarized the Training and POST Certification courses the police academy and officers are required to complete, pertaining to interacting with people with disabilities and individuals with Mental Illness. This training and coursework are intended to assist and prepare the officers to exercise good judgments about enforcement of the law and personal safety.

Mr. Rehm indicated that currently, "Mental Illness/Disabilities" is covered in the academy and taught primarily by Janet Fernandez, Renee Mitchell and Ralph Knecht. The POST guidelines and regulation is also part of the training, and taught in conjunction with the "Mental Illness/Disabilities coursework.

Lieutenant Rehm added that the following training modules are part of the curriculum for the Police academy and officers:

- (a) Sacramento Police Department Expanded Course Outline on Developmental Disability and Mental Illness.
- (b) Training and Testing Specifications for Learning Domain
- (c) POST Training and Testing Specifications for the Basic Course and Illustrations manual for Officers Interactions with People with Disabilities.
- (d) POST Administration Manual and regulations
- (e) Persons with Disabilities Lesson Plan

Lieutenant Don Rehm ended his presentation by encouraging the Commissioners to contact him via his email address at: [drehm@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:drehm@pd.cityofsacramento.org) if they should have any questions.

## 3. PRIORITIZED STRATEGIC PLANNING OF DAC ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

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

**Contact:** Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Human Resources Department.

### **Discussion:**

The DAC reviewed the Physical Access and Outreach /Education Goals stemming from DAC Strategic Planning workshop conducted in October 8, 2007. The goals consist of the following topics:

#### PHYSICAL ACCESS GOALS

- Increase access to housing - working with City planners to work with developers to ensure that ADA and Title 24 are adhered to.
- Assure that affordable housing is physically accessible.
- Visitability - restroom on 1<sup>st</sup> floor, access to kitchen and living area.
- Ensuring that vehicular ways, street parking, and sidewalks are in compliance with State and Federal access requirements.

- All facilities must have required amount of accessible parking spaces with designated number of accessible van spaces.

#### OUTREACH AND EDUCATION GOALS

- Liaison between County, other DAC's and organizations, and all citizen groups.
- Educate private sector businesses affected by City programs.
- Class for taxi drivers.
- Educate City Council & City entities about the DAC and articulate the mission.
- Have place in City newsletter.

#### 4. 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, Human Resources Department.

The following items were reported by staff:

- On April 27, 2010, the Sacramento City Council approved consultant agreement with engineering company to commence engineering services for Vehicular Traffic Options on the K Street Mall.
- Staff attended the Public Meeting of the Alley Activation on 4/29/10. The project team continues to express interest in coming before the DAC to update the Commissioners on the progress made so far, in developing prototype for the “activating” Central City alleys, especially in the area of accessibility.
- The Personnel & Public Employees Committee was scheduled to meet on 5/4/10 to review applications for the following various city boards/commissions. Three applications were received for DAC openings, one is for re-appointment, one is for replacing Mr. Kysor’s vacant seat, who resigned in 4/5/10, and one for the replacement of the Commissioner, who had served the full term.
- Staff (Neal Albritton), reported that the Mayor would not be in attendance at the ADA 20 Year Anniversary Celebration event this summer. The event is scheduled July 26, 2010.

In light of this, Commissioner Thom put forward a motion to “encourage the City’s DAC to continue its involvement on the July 26, 2010 ADA Anniversary event, have a presence, and possible welcoming remarks”.

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

**Yes:** Bain, Barden, Benson, Correia, Finch, Skierka, Springer, Thom

**No:** None

**Abstained** None

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**Contact:** Neal Albritton, ADA Coordinator, (916) 808-8795, Human Resources Department.

## Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda

5. None

6. **Issues for Future Meetings:**

- Chair, David Bain and Commissioners expressed interest on having Stephanie from the City Clerk's Office come to one of the DAC meetings and go over the Brown Act rules, and how it pertains to the commission functions. Possible scheduled date for this presentation is Monday **June 7, 2010**.
- Staff will contact the Alley Activation project team to schedule a presentation.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM. Moved / Seconded: Commissioners Correia / Thom.

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David Bain, Chair

Attest:

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Commission Clerk-Secretary

Obi Agha, Program Specialist  
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program