City of Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC]

MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M. New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1st Floor Conference Room -1104

Present:

Commissioners Bain, Benson, Brown, Kysor, Skierka,

Springer and Sylvia.

Excused:

Commissioners Riker and Thom

Absent:

N/A

Commission Staff: Michael Paravagna and Obi Agha

City of Sacramento, EEO/ADA Program

Presenters:

Beth Tincher, City of Sacramento, Economic Development

Jarvis Payne, Walker Macv Jim Stickley, Jones & Stokes

Guest:

Michael Dunne, Resources for Independent Living

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the new Vice Chair, Commissioner Dan Kysor.

2. Roll Call of Members:

Mr. Kysor conducted a roll call of the members followed by a brief introduction of members and quest.

3. Agenda Review:

Mr. Kysor asked for the review of the agenda. No changes were made to the meeting agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of August 16, 2007 and September 10, 2007 were approved. Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the August 16th and September 10th 2007 minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Skierka.

5. Docks Promenade and Docks Area:

Ms. Beth Tincher, Sr. Project Manager, City of Sacramento, Economic Development Department, introduced the projects and City Consultants, Mr. Jarvis Payne and Mr. Jim Stickley. Ms. Tincher thanked the Vice Chair and the Commissioners for the opportunity to present the Dock Projects. Ms. Tincher proceeded to clarify that the Docks Project consists of two separate projects, the Dock Development Areas and the Docks Riverfront Parkway.

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Jim Stickley with Jones & Stokes presented the Docks Development Area Project. He described the proposed streetscape design for the Docks Area, the associated public spaces and pedestrian connections to the proposed Docks Promenade design. Mr. Stickley outlined for the Commission the criteria used relative to the urban context and housing choice for the two "Options" being proposed for "Docks Area Specific Plan".

Option A, shows a centralized public and circulation space. Option B, is the decentralized public park-like setting. The existing "Reservoir" stays in the same location on option B.

Jarvis Payne with Walker Macy presented the Docks Riverfront Parkway Master Plan. The Docks Promenade Project proposes to extend a 20 foot wide pedestrian/bike parkway from O Street to Miller Park. Mr. Payne's PowerPoint presentation included slides of the proposed Pedestrian and Street Amphitheater Overlook. His presentation emphasized several proposed accessible features such as stairs, ramp, pedestrian, emergency access and Promenade with streetscape design and associated public spaces.

The Consultants answered questions from the Commissioners followed by discussion. Some of the questions raised by the Commissioners focused on the following items:

- (a) Housing type relative to income level and accessibility.
- (b) Separation and safety of pedestrians, from anticipated traffic that would be generated by the different mode of transportation (bike, train, vehicle).
- (c) Streetscape, street furniture, width of sidewalk to accommodate sidewalk café.
- (d) Adequate parking for visitors.
- (e) Regional Transit involvement.

Beth Tincher indicated they would like to work with the Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission as they develop the plans further and asked they be invited back in January 2008 to provide an update on the Docks project.

6. Committee Report

Commissioner Bain indicated that the Physical Access Sub-Committee has tentatively scheduled a meeting for Monday, November 19, 2007. The other sub-committees reported no planned meeting.

7. Staff Report

Mr. Paravagna reported that the City of Sacramento's Disability Awareness Fair held on October 4th, 2007 at the City Hall Plaza was a success. He thanked the sponsors and vendors that participated. The following entities had table events at the fair:

- (a) City of Sacramento, Access Leisure and Teen Program.
- (b) State of California, Department of Rehabilitation Access Section.
- (c) Alta -Regional Centers.

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- (d) Alta Regional Center, Short Center featured entertainment from the Diremakers Band.
- (e) Canine Companions for Independence.
- (f) Disabled Sports USA.
- (g) Nor-Cal Center on Deafness.
- (h) Resources for Independent Living.
- (i) City of Sacramento Planning Department (General Plan Update).
- (i) Sacramento Disabilities Advisories Commission (DAC).

8. Public Comment - Items

Michael Dunne, Resources for Independent Living, communicated to the Commission the importance of keeping public meetings accessible relative to staffing community/public workshops around Sacramento.

9. Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission

Commissioner Kysor inquired about the responsibilities of Regional Transit relative to providing and maintaining of detectable warnings at light rail crossings.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Skierka and seconded by Commissioner Benson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist Equal Opportunity / ADA Program