

Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)

Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2021

Members Present:, Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Vice Chair; Bill Fallai, Patty Gainer, Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Carol Moss, Reggie Nelson, LaTasha Richardson, Kathy Sachen, Angela Talent, Gwen Wilson.

Members Absent: Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Leighann Moffitt, Ex-Officio; Doug Sloan, Ex-Officio.

Guests: Department of General Services Representatives: John Rocha Chief, Real Estate Division; , Nick Lavoie, Real Estate Program Manager; Brian McKenzie, Facilities Manager; Greg Nowakowski, Chief, Facilities Planning & Management Division; Jeff Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member; Margie Donovan, Community Member; Frederick Mitchell, Community Member.

Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO).

Call to Order and Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Staff took roll call of members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

The meeting minutes for August 2021 were reviewed and approved with a minor amendment noted.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

County Leased Facilities

John Rocha and Nicholas Lavoie from the Department of General Services, Real Estate Division, gave an overview of the County's process for leasing facilities and explained how access features are evaluated and needed improvements are negotiated. Staff in the Architectural Services Division (ASD) who are Certified Access Specialists (CASp) perform plan and site review as needed to verify compliance. Members asked questions and discussion ensued. The Chair requested follow up information on which County facilities were equipped with hearing accessible technology per CBC Chapter 11B requirements, and further discussion on creating a database of facility access information that the Disability Compliance Office could monitor and use data from for reports.

Finalize Work Plan Topics for 2021-22

Members reviewed the draft Work Plan document. After discussion, revisions were made. It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Nelson) to adopt the 2021-22 Work Plan as amended.

Chair's Report

Gene Lozano deferred his report.

Ex-Officio Reports

Jeff Gasaway deferred his report.

Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report

Cori Stillson provided an update on the status of Brown Act amendments that allow remote meetings to continue. The current language permits them to continue during declared emergencies.

Annual Report Task Force Report

Gene Lozano reported that the Task Force held its initial meeting to discuss the format, structure and content of the report. The report will include a summary of DAC and Subcommittee activities and accomplishments for 2021.

Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report

Carol Moss stated the Subcommittee began to review the elements of accessible public meetings and selected accessible documents as its initial focus. They will develop their work plan for the coming year at the next meeting.

Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)

Randy Hicks reported the Council developed budget recommendations by combining input from each of the member advisory boards. Mr. Hicks thanked Cheryl Bennett for attending the meeting and assisting with the process. Next month, the Council will begin planning for its annual Heroes of Human Service awards.

Physical Access Subcommittee Report

Gene Lozano noted the Subcommittee did not meet last month. This month, the Department of Transportation will provide its quarterly report and alternative pedestrian traffic signals will be discussed.

Unfinished/New Business, Announcements

There was no Unfinished or New Business. Members made announcements regarding events of interest to the disability community.

Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda

There will be a presentation on Capital Improvement Funds (CIP) and how they are used to finance accessibility improvements.

Adjournment

It was moved (Hicks) and seconded (Moss) to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.