**SACRAMENTO COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (DAC)**

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for August 15, 2023**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Scott Harger (via Zoom), Randy Hicks, Marc Laver, Kathy Sachen, Jeffery Tardaguila (via Zoom)

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests**: Liz Bellas, Director, Sacramento County Regional Parks; Erin Isberg, Community Member

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

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Gene Lozano, Chair, called the meeting to order. Staff conducted the roll call and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes for the June meeting were adopted with a minor amendment. The Subcommittee did not meet in July.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to comment.

**Update: Gibson Ranch Sensory Trail**

Liz Bellas shared a PowerPoint and described the final plans for the sensory playground now renamed Pathway to Play. The site plan, planting plan restroom facilities, color schemes, and the typeds of playground equipment was discussed. Members made recommendations regarding tactile pathways and other tactile communication features. Gene Lozano recommended Braille signage on each piece of playground equipment. More sensory features will be added and enhanced as additional funding becomes available. Marc Laver will follow up with additional recommendations. Pathway to Play is part of a larger improvement project that includes other ADA improvements in Gibson Ranch, and new trail connections, roads and parking. Ms. Bellas will keep the Subcommittee connected as the plans progress.

**Local Accessible Playground Projects Update**

Marc Laver summarized the numerous accessible playground projects, plans and proposals he is currently working on. Empowerment Park has encountered significant delays due to permitting and funding issues. Plans are underway to add more accessible features to Southside Park in Sacramento and he is advising multiple sites in Yolo County and Roseville in Placer County.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

There was no unfinished or new business.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

Gene Lozano noted that he and Kathy Sachen would be having a follow up meeting with Chris Martin, Airport Facilities Manager, regarding Paratransit stops in the new Ground Transportation Plan..

**Adjournment**

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