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

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for August 16, 2022**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Bill Fallai, Scott Harger, Randy Hicks, Carol Moss, Kathy Sachen, Jeff Tardaguila

**Members Absent:**

**Guests**: Jeffrey Lubenko, Department of General Services

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

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes for the July 19 meeting were approved with some amendments proposed by Gene Lozano.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present

**Department of General Services (DGS) Report**

Jeffrey Lubenko provided an update on access improvements to County facilities over the past six months. The Southgate Library’s path of travel is complete from parking lot to front door. Interior barrier removal is underway inside. The Women’s Empowerment Center on A Street has had exterior path of travel improvements completed from the parking lot but not from the public transit stop, as the public right of way is under the City of Sacramento’s jurisdiction. Gene Lozano recommended contacting the City’s Disabilities Advisory Commission for input. The Morgan Alternative Center on Branch Center Road is being converted to a homeless center with living space and resources for seniors. Construction is about 50% complete. The North and South Transfer Stations received some improvements in the employee areas. The Warren E. Thornton Youth Center is undergoing facility upgrades over a 3 year period. Gene Lozano made recommendations to include some all-gender restrooms and to ensure all restroom sinks had counters. Mr. Lozano asked if the new location of the DCO had been evaluated for accessibility. Mr. Lubenko was fairly certain that would have been done prior to the lease being signed but he offered to do a walk through to be sure. He stated he will follow up with Cori Stillson to make arrangements.

**Review Sacramento County Airport System’s Draft ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan Scope of Work and DAC Recommendations for Next Steps**

Gene Lozano updated the Subcommittee members regarding recent DAC interactions with the Airports staff. They have agreed to go forward with an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan review using a qualified independent consultant team. They had offered community input on the draft Scope of Work which members had been provided. Discussion ensued and members shared some of the access barriers they had experienced using the Airport. Scott Harger strongly recommended that the Scope of Work require at least one CA Certified Access Specialist (CASp) be a member of the consultant team. There will be opportunity to submit comments through the DCO until August 24.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

There was no unfinished or new business. Members made announcements of interest to the disability community.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

An update had been anticipated by Don Schmidt from the Department of Transportation (SacDOT) but he recently left County employment. Staff will follow up with Mikki McDaniel to learn if she or someone else will be the liaison to the DAC. The Empowerment Park team may be contacted for an update. The Subcommittee will need to begin reviewing the annual Work Plan and discussing topics for 2023.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

Members had no additional comments.

**Adjournment**

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