**Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)**

**Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2022**

**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.

**Members Absent:** Courtney Bailey-Kanelos, Ex-Officio; Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio.

**Guests:** David Defanti, Deputy County Executive - Community Services; Cindy Nichol, Director, Sacramento County Airports; TJ Chen, Chief Administrative Officer, Airport Design and Development; Sherri Thompson-Duarte, Deputy Director of Airport Operations and Maintenance; Chris Martin, Airport Facilities Manager; Joe Conklin, Sr. Airport Manager; Frank Trujillo, Tiffany Manosh, National Federation of the Blind, River City Chapter; Regina Brinks, President, and Stephanie Watts, American Council of the Blind, Capitol Chapter and CA Council of the Blind; Peter Mendoza, Community Advocate; Scott Harger, DAC Physical Access Subcommittee 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.

**Resolution to Continue DAC Meetings Remotely**

**Gene Lozano reviewed the purpose of the Resolution required to continue holding DAC meetings remotely. The document is identical to last month’s with current dates. By roll call vote, the Resolution was adopted, unanimously.**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The meeting minutes for July 26, 2022 were reviewed and adopted with one amendment.**

**Public Comments**

**Jeffery Tardaguila spoke about the activities of the California Alliance of Retired Americans (CARA)**

**Response from Sacramento County Airports re: Access Concerns Raised in DAC 2021-22 Annual Report**

David Defanti made introductory remarks and recalled the DAC’s past helpful assistance with making the County’s General Plan Update public engagement process accessible and inclusive. Cindy Nichol introduced herself and her staff. She announced that based on the DAC’s recommendations in their Annual Report, the Airports have decided to proceed with hiring an independent consultant to perform an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for all four Airports. A draft Scope of Work has been created and will be shared with the DAC and interested community members for input. Gene Lozano referenced the report done by Logan Hopper Associates in 2008 which contains a great example of effective public engagement. He also advised that the consultant who is hired should have recent experience with web and document accessibility, and wayfinding systems.

Members and guests gave feedback on their experiences as people with disabilities using the Airport. Topics included lack of skycap service, accessible places in the waiting areas for charging mobility devices and electronics, communication and points of contact for resolving issues, and wayfinding to the Paratransit/RT Go pickup and drop off areas. Scott Harger strongly recommended hiring and keeping a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) on staff. TJ Chen stated he would follow up and report back. Ms. Nichol thanked the DAC for their input and pledged ongoing engagement with the DAC throughout the process.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano noted the upcoming meetings of the DAC Executive Committee on August 25 at 3:00 PM via Zoom. The Executive Committee will meet with the Chiefs of Staff on September 8 at 2:00 PM. He welcomed members to suggest topics for the Agenda prior to the meeting.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

The Ex-Officio reports were deferred.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

The DCO report was deferred.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

The Subcommittee report was deferred.

**Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)**

The Subcommittee report was deferred.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

The Subcommittee report was deferred.

**Unfinished/New Business**

**There was no Unfinished or New Business.**

**Community Announcements**

**Members made announcements of interest to the disability community.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**Depending on the presenters’ availability, the topic for the next Agenda will either be an update from Voter Registration and Elections or the Department of Technology.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**No DAC members wished to comment.**

**Adjournment**

**It was moved (Gainer) and seconded (Sachen) to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.**