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

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for February 21, 2023**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests**: Jeffrey Lubenko, Dept. of General Services (DGS); Marc Laver, DAC Applicant; Gabe Corrie, DAC applicant.

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

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order. Staff conducted the roll call and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes for the December meeting were approved as submitted. The January meeting was cancelled.

**Public Comment**

Marc Laver shared information regarding new accessibility features being added in the city of Sacramento’s Southside Park, a universal design playground. Braille will be added to the signage and a sensory communication feature will be added using technology from NASA.

**Department of General Services Report - ADA Facilities Improvements**

Jeffrey Lubenko provided updates on disability access improvements in County facilities. The interior signage at 700 H on floors 1-4 are being updated. The Morgan Alternative Center has been renamed Nottoli Place and is fully accessible. The residents are elders in the Adult Protective Services program. The Department of Waste Management and Recycling completed access improvements in the staff areas of the North Area Recovery Station (NARS). The Gibson Ranch Sensory Trail project is making progress.

**Access Complaint and Response – 700 H Entry and Path of Travel from County Parking Lot**

Jeffrey Lubenko explained the response from DGS regarding the complaint from a member of the public about the path of travel to 700 H from the County parking lot at 799 G Street. The most accessible entrance is at the plaza level on I Street. The ramp there is scheduled for improvements later this year to correct the cross slope and drainage issues. The most direct route for people using the parking lot is across the H Street pedestrian bridge. The ramps are functional but not compliant. Mr. Lubenko shared the long term plans for the County to vacate these facilities and move the County Administration building out to the Bradshaw Road area with other County facilities. Gene Lozano expressed concerns that this plan may be a factor in future decisions to defer ADA compliance upgrades to the current downtown facilities. It was moved (Harger) and seconded (Sachen) that the Department of General Services prioritize providing an ADA compliant path of travel by updating the H Street pedestrian bridge and approaches on both ends. Approved, unanimously. Cheryl Bennett suggested contacting the City of Sacramento to explore installing some blue curbs for more accessible parking around the building. Mr. Lubenko stated he would follow up.

**Inquiry re: Accessibility Requirements on American River Parkway Informational Signage**

Members reviewed the analysis provided by a Certified Access Specialist working through DGS regarding what accessibility features are required for informational or educational signage being updated along the American River Parkway. Discussion ensued and members recommended that the signs should be made accessible for people who are blind or low vision, with exception of Braille. Gene Lozano requested a representative from County Regional Parks be invited to a future meeting to discuss. Staff will draft a letter outlining the concerns for the Subcommittee’s consideration.

**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**

The Department of Transportation will be invited for an update and possibly a presentation regarding updated striping plans. Members were reminded that next month we will return to in-person meetings.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

Members had no additional comments.

**Adjournment**

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