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

**Meeting Minutes for August 6, 2024**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair; Patty Gainer, Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Dustin Knott, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio.

**Members Absent:** Isabel Arreola, Angela Talent.

**Guests: Sally Swanson, Chris Sircello, Tina Dorius, Deniz Turan, Don Salts, Sally Swanson Architects (SSA); Sharon Toji, Consultant; Sheri Thompson-Duarte, Chris Martin, Garnik Mikaleyan, Joe Conklin, Department of Airports; Melissa Jacobs, Senior & Adult Services; Jeff Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member; Peter Mendoza, State Council for Developmental Disabilities (SCDD); Jeff Thom, CA Council of the Blind; Catherine Campisi, Dan Smith, Ellen Foster-Smith, Community Advocates**

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Disability Compliance Office (DCO); **Josh and Mallory, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters**.

**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 June 4 meeting minutes were adopted as submitted.**

**Public Comments**

**Jeff Tardaguila shared information about the opportunity to view Regional Transit’s new low floor light rail cars and give feedback before they are implemented.**

**Airport ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) Update**

Sally Swanson introduced her team and gave a brief overview of the history of the project. They shared a PowerPoint that summarized the draft document and explained how the data is presented. The SSA team was very interested in receiving community feedback on the report and provided an email and phone number to use. Members and guests noted that the draft SETP that was provided for review was not accessible to screen readers. SSA will reissue an accessible version for their review and comment. A focus group of people with disabilities is being established to advise throughout the implementation of the SETP. SSA and Airports staff proposed to return in October for another update and to discuss feedback after reviewing the draft report.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano confirmed everyone’s availability for the September 3 meeting since it is the day after Labor Day. He also confirmed everyone’s planned attendance for the November 5 meeting which is also Election Day. The discussion of the California Attorney General’s opinion was deferred.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Rami Zakaria announced the Web Access team will be ready to provide a progress report at the next meeting.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cori Stillson provided a brief update on the consultant review of the DCO. Cheryl Bennett shared some upcoming plans for emergency preparedness messaging and a disaster drill being planned in the Office of Emergency Services for 2025. She also noted that there is a new Director of General Services, Mr. Joshua Green.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

Angela Talent was not present to report. The August 14 meeting is cancelled. Next scheduled meeting Wednesday September 11.

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

Randy Hicks reported the HSCC discussed the FY 2024/25 County Budget in June. There was no meeting in July.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

Gene Lozano summarized the July presentation of Friends of Sailor Bar, who are proposing accessible nature trails on this site along the American River. In June, Liz Bellas, County Regional Parks Director, updated members on the ADA projects in various locations including the Gibson Ranch accessible playground.

**Homeless Services and Housing Task Force Report**

The 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**

**In addition to the update from the Web Access team, members will participate in one of the upcoming employment recruitment workshops offered by the Department of Personnel Services, “Path to County Service” and be prepared to give feedback.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**There were no additional comments.**

**Adjournment**

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