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

**Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2025**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair; Isabel Arreola, Yetta Brown, Patty Gainer, Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Joshua Green, Ex-Officio; Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Angela Talent (via Zoom) Tremmel Watson.

**Members Absent:**, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio.

**Guests**;Bruce Forman, Friends of Sailor Bar; Paul Miller, President and Accessibility Committee Chair, Sacramento Audubon Society **Jeff Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee Member; James Taylor, CBS 13 News; Residents representing local nature and conservation groups attending in support of Friends of Sailor Bar: Warren Truitt, Nancy Kniskern, Alan Friedman, Kelly Cohen, Dr. Andrea Willey, Betsy Weiland, Jodi King, Elizabeth Swan Phelps, Beatriz Velasquez, Maren Nasseri, Allen Rhoden, Pat Sepulveda, Roy Brewer, Charlene Vine, Doug Welch, John Briggs, Bingsen Wong, Randy Wong, Tom Biglione, Lisbeth Lanson, Roland Brady, Crystal Tobias, Beth Disbrobac, Alexis Broadridge, Michelle Canfield.**

**Staff: Liz Bellas, Director, Regional Parks; Jeffrey Lubenko, Associate Architect Engineer, Department of General Services; Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Disability Compliance Office (DCO); Mindy Scates-Gonzales, Diane Marlow, Department of Personnel Services; **Garnik Mikaleyan, Airports: Melissa Jacobs, Senior & Adult Services;** Vanessa Cummings, Public Health; Mallory and Josh**, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; Norma Rease, CART transcriber**.

**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 Individual Members’ Requests to Participate via Zoom**

It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Sachen) to permit Angela Talent to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Sachen) to permit Isabel Arreola to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The approval of the January meeting minutes was deferred.**

**Public Comments**

**John Briggs shared information from a recent environmental study regarding wildfire risks in the vicinity of Sailor Bar. Jeffery Tardaguila shared updates from the most recent Regional Transit Mobility Advisory Council (RT MAC) meeting.**

**Proposals for Accessibility Improvements at Sailor Bar Park**

**Regional Parks ADA Concept Plan –** Liz Bellas provided an overview of the Regional Parks Concept Plan. There is currently funding available for ADA restroom and parking lot and path of travel upgrdes. Regional Parks intends to go forward with a recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Commission to open the service roads to the public. Gene Lozano reminded Ms. Bellas of the requirements for signage which includes tactile features. Patty Gainer noted the importance of including benches at various intervals along the trails for people who need to stop and rest.

**Sailor Bar Vision Plan All Persons Trail Concept -** Bruce Forman, and Paul Miller, President shared their vision for an All Persons Trail Concept. Members and supporters of Friends of Sailor Bar expressed support for this concept and stated numerous environmental, safety and accessibility concerns that would likely negatively impact native plants, wildlife, and visitors trying to enjoy a nature experience.

**Potential Bus Loading Areas in Parking Lots (Information)** – Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair, DAC and Sac RT Go Operations Manager made recommendations for parking spaces in the various parking lots that could accommodate Paratransit busses.

**DAC Member Input and Recommendations**

Members discussed the two proposals and the input from meeting attendee. The following was moved and seconded (Gainer/Arreola):

It is the Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission’s (DAC) position that the Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks do the following:

1. Continue the closure of all existing maintenance and emergency vehicular roads in Sailor Bar that are proposed to be reopened to public vehicles. The road closure should continue until a thorough comprehensive evaluation of all concept plans has been performed.
2. Prepare in consultation with Friends of Sailor Bar a comprehensive evaluation of the two concept plans: 2025 Sailor Bar ADA Concept Plan and Sailor Bar All Persons Trail Vision Plan. This process is to involve the assessment of the costs and benefits of each concept option, considering the factors, such as feasibility, environmental impact, safety, accessibility for people with disabilities, social equity, and aesthetics.
3. Solicit during a posted public comment period written input from the public in response to the draft comprehensive evaluation report. During the public comment period, it is advisable that the Department of Regional Parks also hold a public hearing to receive oral input from the community. The public comments should be part of the comprehensive evaluation report, so as to gather and use the information from the public in developing the final report.
4. Include information from the public input in the needed weighting of the factors listed in #2 (i.e., level of importance, on a 1 to 5 scale). Then, each concept plan should be numerically ranked to determine a preferred plan.
5. Conduct an independent evaluation of competing assistive navigation and interpretive technologies, RightHear and NaviLens, as well as GoodMaps, in their effectiveness in their use along the proposed accessible nature trails in Sailor Bar. Participants in the evaluation of competing technologies should be people with disabilities, with a focus on those with vision disabilities. The results of the assessment of the technologies is to be part of the final comprehensive evaluation report.

The motion was approved with one abstention.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano deferred his report.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

The reports were deferred

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

The report was deferred.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

The report was deferred due to time constraints.

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

The report was deferred due to time constraints.

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

The Chair deferred the report due to time constraints.

**Homeless Services and Housing Task Force Report**

The report was deferred.

**Unfinished/New Business**

**There was no unfinished or new business.**

**Community Announcements**

**There were no announcements.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**The item was deferred.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**This item was deferred.**

**Adjournment**

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