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

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for August 20, 2024**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Kathy Sachen, Jeffery Tardaguila

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests**: Thomas Cassera, Associate Civil Engineer; Department of Transportation (SacDOT); Jodi King, Bruce Forman, Friends of Sailor Bar (FOSB); Yetta Brown, Community Advocate/DAC Applicant

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

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Gene Lozano, Chair, called the meeting to order. Staff conducted the roll call and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The June 18 and July 20 meeting minutes were adopted as submitted.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to comment.

**“Sailor Bar Accessibility Concerns and Proposed Solutions” (Document)**

Members reviewed the letter from Bruce Forman to Supervisor Rich Desmond dated March 24, 2024. He answered questions and discussion ensued.

Motion: it was moved and seconded (Hicks/Sachen) that the DAC believes County Parks would serve the community and environment well by keeping the maintenance/emergency vehicle roads closed to public motor vehicle traffic, while implementing accessible and usable trails designed for people with limited mobility to enjoy the sensory experiences. The DAC concurs with the following proposed solutions:

1. Develop an accessible trail and shaded resting area from the west side of the Illinois Avenue parking lot above the boat launch and pave the lot for disability access.
2. Reclaim nature on selected social paths by native revegetation and gravel, and install accessible interpretive signs.
3. Create an accessible trail and resting areas around Turtle Pond, and pave the parking lot to accommodate disabled parking spaces.

The motion was approved, unanimously.

**Consider Making Recommendations or Taking Other Next Steps Regarding Accessibility Concerns at Sailor Bar**

Gene Lozano introduced a draft letter to Liz Bellas in support of keeping the maintenance roads closed to vehicle traffic and creating accessible walking paths and scenic areas. Members made comments and minor edits were made. It was moved and seconded (Sachen/Hicks) to approve the amended letter. The motion was approved, unanimously. The letter will be copied to the Board of Supervisors, Chiefs of Staff, the County Recreation and Parks Commission, and Friends of Sailor Bar.

**California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) Guides to Accessible Parking**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**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**

This item was deferred.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

There were no additional comments.

**Adjournment**

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