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

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for July 16, 2024**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Marc Laver, Kathy Sachen, Angela Talent

**Members Absent:** Randy Hicks, Jeffery Tardaguila

**Guests**: Thomas Cassera, Associate Civil Engineer; Department of Transportation (SacDOT); Jodi King, Friends of Sailor Ba (FOSB)r; Betsy Weiland, Save the American River Association (SARA); Noreen Debrecker, Community Advocate; Laura Hagerty, American Council of the Blind (ACB) Capitol Chapter; Matt Chalmers Esq, Birch Citadel, representing FOSB (present as observer only)

**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 meeting minutes were deferred.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to comment.

**Proposed Accessibility Considerations in Improvements to the Sailor Bar Area of the American River Parkway**

Jodi King provided an overview of the area know as Sailor Bar along the American River at the terminus of Illinois Avenue in the community of Fair Oaks. Her neighborhood organization Friends of Sailor Bar has expressed concern that the County is planning to reopen the existing service roads to pedestrian traffic. The chief concerns are safety, accessibility, increased potential for fires and trash, erosion and other ecological damage, and damage to the indigenous artifacts there. FOSB believes the current proposal is not consistent with the American River Parkway Plan. The County Department of Regional Parks has suggested that their current proposal improves accessibility but the service road would actually not be usable by most people with disabilities. FOSB is proposing an accessible nature trail but to date has been denied the opportunity to schedule an agenda item at the Board of Supervisors to have the matter considered publicly. Discussion ensued but time ran out before the Subcommittee could consider an official response or next step. This topic will be on a future agenda for further discussion.

**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 (Talent) and seconded (Sachen) to adjourn the meeting. Approved, unanimously.