

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITIZENS' ADVISORY
COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER,
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00 PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair
Nubia Flores Cedeno, Secretary
Alice Bruns, Member
Ciara Calsita, Member



Sherry Diamond, Member
Connie Gutierrez, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Jamone Pili, Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McClain at 1:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

There was a lack of a quorum for this meeting. The commission moved forward with the presentation and public comment but did not hear any action items. These items will be added to the June 13, 2019 meeting.

Commissioners Alice Bruns, Sherry Diamond, Nubia Flores Cedeno and Deaka
Present: McClain

Commissioners Ciara Calsita, Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Jamone Pili
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Bruns.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Faye Norman, Executive Director of The Empowerment Network, introduced herself and her organization to the commission. Mrs. Norman will be making a formal presentation to CACoD on July 11, 2019.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris, CD1 resident, spoke about the upcoming Disabled Resources Annual Dinner and the upcoming Blue Whale Gala held by the Aquarium of the Pacific. Ms. Harris will be attending both and encouraged the public to attend and support.

PRESENTATION

Aira is an assistive service that offers delivery of instant access to visual information to users who are blind or have low vision. Andrew Utt, Head of Engagement & Community Strategy with Aira, and Bala Sista, VP of Business Engineering with Aira, presented information and answered questions about the services offered by Aira.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [19-014CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

This CA-Agenda Item was laid over.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2. [19-015CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

This CA-Agenda Item was laid over.

3. [19-016CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

This CA-Agenda Item was laid over.

NEW BUSINESS

4. [19-017CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from Commissioner Karadjov regarding his visit to the assistive technology lab at the CSULB College of Engineering.

This CA-Agenda Item was laid over.

5. [19-018CA](#) Recommendation to discuss any recommendations this commission would like to the city manager regarding the City's Economic Blueprint shared last month by John Keisler, Director of Economic Development.

This CA-Agenda Item was laid over.

STAFF REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Action items from May meeting
Aira recommendations
Board elections

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McClain at 2:25 pm.