

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 1:00 PM**

Kim Vuong, Chair  
Stephen Adams, Vice Chair  
Nicholas Matthews, Secretary  
Nubia Flores, Member  
Chaka Garbutt, Member



Marissa Gonzalez, Member  
Jeremy Hill, Member  
Arthur Romo, Member  
Gretchen Swanson, Member

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (1: 02 PM)**

At 1:02 PM, Vice Chair Adams called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (1:02 PM)**

**Commissioners** Chaka Garbutt, Marissa Gonzalez, Arthur Romo, Gretchen

**Present:** Swanson and Stephen Adams

**Commissioners** Nubia Flores, Jeremy Hill, Nicholas Matthews and Kim Vuong

**Absent:**

Also present: Jennifer Kumiyama, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator; Alyssa Campos, City Clerk Specialist.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (1:03 PM)**

Maricela De Rivera spoke.

Vice Chair Adams spoke.

John Kindred spoke.

Vice Chair Adams spoke.

**PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (1:11 PM)

1. 23-018CA Recommendation to approve minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Chaka Garbutt, Marissa Gonzalez, Arthur Romo, Gretchen Swanson and Stephen Adams

**Absent:** 4 - Nubia Flores, Jeremy Hill, Nicholas Matthews and Kim Vuong

### REGULAR AGENDA (1:12 PM)

2. 23-019CA Recommendation to receive and file a report presented by the City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department regarding the Ramona Park playground project.

Monica Der Gevorgian, Capital Project Coordinator, Parks, Recreation, and Marine, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Commissioner Swanson spoke.

Chuck Foley, President, Hirsch & Associates, Inc., spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Swanson and Chuck Foley, President, Hirsch & Associates, Inc.

Vice Chair Adams spoke.

Monica Der Gevorgian, Capital Project Coordinator, Parks, Recreation, and Marine, spoke.

Vice Chair Adams spoke.

Maricela De Rivera spoke.

Deaka McClain spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Cynde Soto spoke.

Commissioner Romo spoke.

Monica Der Gevorgian, Capital Project Coordinator, Parks, Recreation, and Marine, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Romo and Monica Der Gevorgian, Capital Project Coordinator, Parks, Recreation, and Marine.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Romo, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Chaka Garbutt, Marissa Gonzalez, Arthur Romo, Gretchen Swanson and Stephen Adams

**Absent:** 4 - Nubia Flores, Jeremy Hill, Nicholas Matthews and Kim Vuong

3. 23-020CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke; and presented the report.

Jennifer Kumiyama, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, spoke.

Maricela De Rivera spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garbutt, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Chaka Garbutt, Marissa Gonzalez, Arthur Romo, Gretchen Swanson and Stephen Adams

**Absent:** 4 - Nubia Flores, Jeremy Hill, Nicholas Matthews and Kim Vuong

4. 23-021CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment & Services standing committee.

Commissioner Swanson spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Romo, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Chaka Garbutt, Marissa Gonzalez, Arthur Romo, Gretchen Swanson and Stephen Adams

**Absent:** 4 - Nubia Flores, Jeremy Hill, Nicholas Matthews and Kim Vuong

5. 23-017CA Recommendation to submit a letter to Los Angeles Metro and Long Beach Transit regarding cleanliness and safety of bus stops, the Metro A Line and Metro busses.

Jennifer Kumiyama, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, that the item be laid over to the next Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Chaka Garbutt, Marissa Gonzalez, Arthur Romo, Gretchen Swanson and Stephen Adams

**Absent:** 4 - Nubia Flores, Jeremy Hill, Nicholas Matthews and Kim Vuong

#### **STAFF REPORT (1:47 PM)**

Jennifer Kumiyama, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, spoke.

**AGENCY REPORTS (1:48 PM)**

There were no agency reports.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1:49 PM)**

Commissioner Swanson spoke.

Commissioner Romo spoke.

Vice Chair Adams spoke.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS (1:51 PM)**

Vice Chair Adams spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (1:51 PM)**

At 1:51 PM, there being no objection, Vice Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned.

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