

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER, 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00
PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair
David Gauthier, Vice 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 at 1:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Jamone Pili, David

Present: Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Commissioners Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Nubia Flores Cedeno

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Pili.

PRESENTATION

Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services for the City of Long Beach, was our guest speaker for this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Kindrick, co-founder LB Environmental Alliance, is working with LB Memorial Hospital with their 'drug take back,' an event that encourages residents to safely dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Mr. Kindrick is trying to spread the word that these 'drug take backs' happen twice a year, preventing hundreds of pounds of toxins from going in our drinking water. Mr. Kindrick would also like CACoD to take a position on EVAC chairs in multi-story residential buildings, perhaps recommending an ordinance in the City of Long Beach. Lastly, Mr. Kindrick is concerned about the affects of second-hand smoke related to marijuana.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris, CD1 resident, let the commission know that Congressman Lowenthal has drafted a federal bill related to the United States Post Office that the commission voted to approve support for in February 2018. Ms. Harris also spoke to the commission about a 'reliable elevator ordinance' that the Long Beach City Council discussed in June 2017, but has been unable to move on since. This discussion is to be continued.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. 18-035CA Recommendation to approve minutes from the August 9, 2018 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Diamond, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Abstain: 1 - Jamone Pili

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Nubia Flores Cedeno

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2. 18-036CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee and/or adopt any recommendations this body would like to make.

Commissioner Calsita reported that Mentoring Day had just wrapped up and was a success with 29 mentees participating.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pili, seconded by Vice Chair Gauthier, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Jamone Pili, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Nubia Flores Cedeno

3. 18-037CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee and/or adopt any recommendations this body would like to make.

Commissioner McClain reported that this committee continues discussing potential recommendations related to Parks and Recreation.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Pili, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Jamone Pili, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Nubia Flores Cedeno

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. 18-038CA Recommendation to receive and file and/or approve any additional recommendations from the DEAM 2018 ad-hoc committee.

Commissioner McClain reported that DEAM 2018 will be using the same flyer and program as used last year. Commissioner McClain also explained that by having DEAM on a Saturday this year, the hope was to attract more public participation.

Commissioner Bruns reported that the theme is 'All Means All', the colors will be blue and white, Councilmember Rex Richardson will be our guest speaker and Jennifer Kumiyama will be our singer. The schedule was also confirmed - set up 11-12, event from 12 - 2, with the program occurring at 12:45.

The accessibility panel that was originally planned for has been postponed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pili, seconded by Vice Chair Gauthier, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Jamone Pili, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Nubia Flores Cedeno

6. 18-040CA Recommendation to receive and file and/or approve any recommendations from the 'Stamped Concrete/Decorative Surfaces' ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Pili read the standard the City has in place related to stamped concrete.

Commissioner Bruns reported that the use of stamped concrete and pavers differs depending on the City being researched and that the ad-hoc committee would need more time to make a recommendation.

Commissioner McClain reported that the ad-hoc would be looking at three specific cities - Seattle, New York and Santa Monica.

Both Commissioner Bruns and Diamond spoke to the fact that there is a lot of arguments both for and against the use of stamped concrete and pavers and that it would be very difficult to find a solution that is acceptable to everyone.

The ad-hoc will report back in December.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pili, seconded by Vice Chair Gauthier, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Jamone Pili, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Nubia Flores Cedeno

STAFF REPORT

Heather Blackmun reported that the City has finalized its updated 'blue zone policy' in residential areas; the City is reviewing Citywide emergency operations plans and processes related to the disability and access and functional needs populations; as a result of CACoD's parks recommendation, there will be an internal 'universal access' training related to playgrounds; the City Council approved \$70,000 in FY19 for Park & Recreation to update their strategic plan.

CHAIRPERSON AND/OR VICE CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

EVAC chairs in multi level residential buildings

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.