

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019  
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBER  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00 PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair  
Alice Bruns, Vice Chair  
Nubia Flores Cedeno, Member



Connie Gutierrez, Member  
Chris Karadjov, Member  
Kim Vuong, Member

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**REVISED AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns

**Present:** and Deaka McClain

**Commissioners** Chris Karadjov

**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Gutierrez.

**PRESENTATION**

The e-scooter presentation originally scheduled for the September 12th meeting will now take place during the October 10th meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. 19-036CA Recommendation to approve minutes from the August 8, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Karadjov

**STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. 19-037CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

No report given this month.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Karadjov

3. 19-038CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation & Services Committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

No report given this month.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Karadjov

4. 19-039CA Recommendation to receive and file report by the Mentoring Day 2019 ad-hoc committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

In light of Commissioner Calsita's resignation, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, Heather Van Wijk, has taken over the bulk of planning for Disability Mentoring Day 2019. The event will take place on Thursday, October 10th.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Karadjov

5. 19-040CA Recommendation to receive and file report by the DEAM 2019 ad-hoc committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, Heather Van Wijk, stated that the DEAM 2019 event is confirmed to take place on Saturday, October 26th from 12-2:30 at Michelle Obama Library.

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

**Yes:** 5 - Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Karadjov

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. 19-041CA Recommendation to appoint a new secretary through June of 2020 to fill Commissioner Diamond's vacancy.

There will not be a new secretary appointed at this time.

**A motion was made by Chair McClain, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Connie Gutierrez, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Karadjov

**STAFF REPORT**

Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, Heather Van Wijk, announced that the City's FY20 budget passed. In addition to the millions of dollars allocated to 'Complete Street Projects' and other capitol improvement projects, there was \$7,000,000 allocated to the curb ramp/sidewalk program and \$500,000 allocated to the Access Request Program. Mrs. Van Wijk also reminded the commission about the grand opening of the Billie Jean King Library on Saturday, 9/21 and announced that the City would be hosting an internal staff training specific to building in the right of way.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CLOSING REMARKS**

Chair McClain commended the City on the new passenger loading and unloading zones at City Hall. Chair McClain also invited Victor Garate, Deputy General Manager for Global Paratransit, to say a few words. Global Paratransit contracts with Access and LB Dial-A-Lift for this region.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Statement of Inclusion

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm.