

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
TELECONFERENCE, 1:00 PM**

Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chair
Stephen Adams, Vice Chair
Kim Vuong, Secretary



Victor A. Garate, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Deaka McClain, Member
Gretchen Swanson, Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cedeno at 1:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Chris Karadjov, Deaka McClain, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong,

Present: Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores Cedeno

Commissioners Victor Garate

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Swanson.

VOTING SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE DISCUSSION

Long Beach City Clerk, Monique De La Garza, did a follow up visit with the commission to discuss voting options specific to LA County's VSAP initiative. This was an important and helpful discussion with the November 3 election fast-approaching.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[20-035CA](#)

Recommendation to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

Attachments: [August 2020.CACoD Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Yes: 6 - Chris Karadjov, Deaka McClain, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores Cedeno

Absent: 1 - Victor Garate

STANDING COMMITTEE & AD-HOC REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

[20-036CA](#)

Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by 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 McClain, seconded by Secretary Vuong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chris Karadjov, Deaka McClain, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores Cedeno

Absent: 1 - Victor Garate

[20-037CA](#)

Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by 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 Swanson, seconded by Secretary Vuong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chris Karadjov, Deaka McClain, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores Cedeno

Absent: 1 - Victor Garate

[20-038CA](#)

Recommendation to approve any changes or updates to the DEAM ad-hoc's program for CACoD's virtual DEAM event in October.

Commissioner McClain and Commissioner Vuong recapped what was voted on at last month's meeting and suggested Thursday, October 15th as the target date. The ad-hoc is still finalizing the list of panelists and questions and plans to work on outreach and promotion during their next meeting.

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

Yes: 6 - Chris Karadjov, Deaka McClain, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores Cedeno

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COVID-19 DISCUSSIONS cont.

Commissioner Swanson asked for an update on the formation of a resource collaborative for vulnerable communities. Heather Van Wijk reported (during staff report) that the initial brainstorming meeting had taken place on September 2 and that a standing meeting would occur the first Tuesday of every month. There was also discussion about the RespectAbility Resource Guide that was done on the behalf of the City and how to enhance and update that guide.

AGENCY REPORTS

Chair Cedeno reported that LBUSD started school last week and a lot of messaging and support is being offered by various organizations. In particular, LB Forward hosted a Spanish-language forum in partnership with the special education team from LBUSD. LBUSD is starting to roll out their district programs; everything is online. Chair Cedeno encouraged parents to visit LBUSD's website and Twitter account frequently for updates.

Vice Chair Adams reported that The Children's Clinic is ramping up for flu season and is being proactive and successful in securing personal protective equipment (PPE).

Secretary Vuong reported that Tichenor Clinic is participating in the LB Gives Campaign on September 24th.

Commissioner Swanson highlighted the digital divide effort in Long Beach and brought focus to the immersion of CARES Act money that will be available soon and needs to be secured and spent quickly.

STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk reminded the commission and viewing public that the Census 2020 deadline is September 30th. Mrs. Van Wijk also reported:

- FY21 budget (\$2.8B) was passed by City Council on September 8th
- CARES Act allocations are now available to non-profits that qualify
- Rebecca Kauma, Economic and Digital Inclusion Manager, will be presenting to the commission in November
- The LB Disabilities Services Resources Collaborative will kick off the first week of October
- CLB's flu PODS will go active in October; these flu vaccines will be free

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Karadjov reported that there was an opportunity for CACoD to support the Nonprofit Foundation out of Portland, OR and would email more information.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cedeno adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.

I, Heather Van Wijk, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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