

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017
333 W OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1:00 PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair
David Gauthier, Vice Chair
Ciara Calsita, Secretary
Anthony Bell, Member



Daryl Crouse, Member
Richard Hernandez, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Jessica Marquez, Member
Jamone Pili, Member

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities was called to order at 1:03 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 333 W Ocean Blvd, Lobby Level, Long Beach, CA.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica
Present: Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka
McClain
Commissioners Daryl Crouse
Absent:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frances Emily Dawson Harris, 1st District resident, shared a poem called "The Nonstop Job."

Emily Quest, 7th District resident, spoke about the need for a crosswalk to connect the campus of Cabrillo Highschool and the Boys & Girls Club and Santa Fe Park across the street. This would enhance inclusion of the many students with disabilities that need access to both sides of the street, especially during summer programming at both sites. City staff, Heather Blackmun, agreed to coordinate a walk through of the site.

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

The Long Beach Police Department, including the Mental Health Evaluation Team, presented to CACoD on the different training tools they utilize to train officers in interacting with residents with disabilities.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports given this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [17-030CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the March 9, 2017 CACoD meeting.

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

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

OLD BUSINESS

2. [17-031CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file update regarding new software for the Information Center for People with Disabilities.

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

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

ADA Coordinator Heather Blackmun reported on behalf of Library Services that JAWS, Wynn Wizard and Dragon software and large print keyboards have been installed on each computer in the Main Library. There is also a braille keyboard and Tracker Pro device available for use.

3. [17-032CA](#) Recommendation to discuss the use of truncated domes in the City of Long Beach and any next steps CACoD would like to take.

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

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

This discussion was moved to the Accessibility and Transportation Committee.

4. [17-033CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from staff on the City's process for requesting American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for committee meetings, etc.

A motion was made by Secretary Calsita, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

No: 1 - Anthony Bell

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

5. [17-034CA](#) Recommendation to discuss future medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Long Beach and give direction to staff regarding specific questions that the commission has since state law has changed.

A motion was made by Secretary Calsita, seconded by Commissioner Pili, to withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

NEW BUSINESS

6. [17-035CA](#) Recommendation to assign Commissioner Jessica Marquez to a standing committee.

A motion was made by Secretary Calsita, seconded by Vice Chair Gauthier, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

7. [17-036CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file a debrief on the Transportation Town Hall that took place on Friday, March 31, 2017.

This CA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

8. [17-037CA](#) Recommendation to request available commissioners to voluntarily staff the informational table that CACoD will host during the 2017 Pasefika Pride Event taking place on May 19th and 20th.

This CA-Agenda Item was withdrawn.

9. [17-038CA](#) Recommendation to approve participation in the form of an informational table at the Abilities Night Event presented by Mayor Garcia and the Aquarium of the Pacific. This event will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

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

Yes: 7 - Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

No: 1 - Anthony Bell

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

10. [17-039CA](#) Recommendation to amend the 'membership' section of the new commission bylaws approved during last month's meeting.

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

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

A By-laws Ad-Hoc Committee was formed and will include Commissioners Bell, Calsita, McClain, & Pili.

11. [17-040CA](#) Recommendation to direct newly formed standing committees to draft mission statement and goals during first meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gauthier, seconded by Secretary Calsita, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Anthony Bell, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

12. [17-041CA](#) Recommendation to direct staff to draft a letter to Mayor Garcia and City Council requesting that CACoD be included whenever possible in the planning process of community events to ensure accessibility and ADA compliancy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Vice Chair Gauthier, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Jamone Pili, Ciara Calsita, David Gauthier and Deaka McClain

No: 1 - Anthony Bell

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

STAFF REPORT

Staff liasion, Heather Blackmun, reported that Ochoa v. City of Long Beach has tentatively settled and the City will be moving forward with the citywide self evaluation and transition plan.

CHAIRPERSON AND/OR VICE CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCES

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The commission meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.