

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER, 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00
PM**

David Gauthier, Chair
Deaka McClain, Vice Chair
Alice Bruns, Member
Ciara Calsita, Member



Richard Hernandez, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Jamone Pili, Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frances Emily Dawson Harris, CD1, touched on several topics of interest. Please see attached.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [18-009CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the March 1, 2018 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

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

Yes: 5 - Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

Absent: 1 - Ciara Calsita

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth, Employment & Programs - Chair Gauthier reported that the committee is still working on a draft services guide specific to the disability community. The committee is also starting to plan Mentoring Day.

Accessibilty, Transportation & Services - Vice Chair McClain reported that the committee is still putting together logistics for an Accessibility Townhall that they can formally bring before the whole commission.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Calendar Ad-Hoc - Vice Chair McClain reminded the commission that they are participating in Mayor Garcia's Abilities Night on Sunday, April 22.

OLD BUSINESS

2. [18-010CA](#) Recommendation to send parks accessibility discussion to Accessibility, Transportation and Services Standing Committee for furthur review.

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

Yes: 5 - Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

Absent: 1 - Ciara Calsita

NEW BUSINESS

3. [18-012CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file information from Chair Gauthier regarding a yearlong investigation done by National Public Radio (NPR) on the sexual assault epidemic in the disability community nationwide and what appropriate steps, if any, the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities can take in advising the Mayor and City Council.

Information being discussed found at the following sites:

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/08/570224090/the-sexual-assault-epidemic-no-one-talks-about>

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/18/577065301/from-the-frontlines-of-a-sexual-assault-epidemic-two-therapists-share-stories>

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

Yes: 5 - Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

Absent: 1 - Ciara Calsita

STAFF REPORT

Staff liaison Heather Blackmun welcomed Alice Bruns to CACoD as the newest commissioner, reported that 'blue zone' recommendations made by CACoD are currently being vetted internally, informed CACoD that RespectAbility is having their next Community of Practice meeting on April 26, and lastly reported that the airport is processing CACoD's request for a presentation.

CHAIRPERSON AND/OR VICE CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hernandez announced that the Disabled Resources Center is having their volunteer recognition luncheon on April 27.

Commissioner McClain reminded the commission that every 2nd Friday of the month the Disabled Resources Center has their advisory committee meeting at 101 W Broadway.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Accessibility Townhall as a recurring item until event occurs
Form ad-hocs for Disability Awareness Month events

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.