

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00 PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair
Alice Bruns, Vice Chair
Sherry Diamond, Secretary
Nubia Flores Cedeno, Member



Ciara Calsita, Member
Connie Gutierrez, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Jamone Pili, Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McClain at 1:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Connie Gutierrez, Chris

Present: Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Commissioners Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Gutierrez.

PRESENTATION

Faye Norman, Executive Director of the Empowerment Cubed Network (E3N), presented on the Special Needs Collaborative (SFNC). This collaborative is partnering with the Long Beach Public Library to establish a service navigation model to reduce gaps in service and fragmentation for families with children with special needs, with a 3-year goal for full activation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [19-027CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the June 13, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

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

Yes: 6 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 2 - Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2. [19-028CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Calsita reported that the standing committee is working on an inclusion statement recommendation to make to both CACoD and ultimately, the mayor and city council for adoption. There was also a discussion on revisiting the resource book and make any necessary changes to it before the October DEAM event.

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

Yes: 6 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 2 - Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

3. [19-029CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Karadjov reported that the committee was still discussing an accessibility townhall for a future CACoD event. There was also discussion about recommending some changes to how the parks & recreation catalogues are presented and future visits to parks. Lastly, the committee would like for CACoD to invite a representative from one of the cruise lines that services Long Beach to present on the accessibility of their cruise liners. One option would be to include this presentation during the accessibility townhall.

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

Yes: 6 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 2 - Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

NEW BUSINESS

4. [19-030CA](#) Recommendation to form ad-hoc committees for the October 2019 Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) and Mentoring Day events.

Mentoring Day Ad-Hoc:

Commissioner Calsita
Commissioner Diamond
Commissioner Gutierrez

DEAM Ad-Hoc:

Commissioner Bruns
Commissioner Cedenio
Commissioner Karadjov
Commissioner McClain

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

Yes: 6 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedenio, Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 2 - Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

STAFF REPORT

Heather Blackmun reminded the commission about the ADA anniversary proclamation being presented the following week, the grand opening of the new civic center on July 29th and the grand opening of the new main library on September 21. Ms. Blackmun also reminded the commission that starting in August, CACoD will start meeting in the new council chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke about her disappointment that the Disabled Resources Center only provided ASL interpreters for two hours, and not the entire event, during their annual dinner. After two hours, the individuals using the ASL service had to look to their family member for interpretation. Commissioner Gutierrez reminded the commission that the City in general is better than that, and should encourage our partners to be fully inclusive, especially if the City is going to support their efforts.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Electric Scooters
Bike Lanes
Special Needs Family Collaborative
Inclusionary Housing Ordinance - presentation

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.