

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER, 411 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 1:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns
Present: and Deaka McClain

Commissioners Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Karadjov.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [19-031CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the July 11, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

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

Yes: 5 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Nubia Flores Cedeno spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

2. [19-032CA](#)

Recommendation to receive and file montly report by the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Calsita reported that discussions had continued regarding an inclusive statement recommendation and an updated resources pamphlet. Commissioner Cedeno reminded the commission that the goal behind the inclusion recommendation modeled the the resolution recently adopted by LBUSD. Commissioner Cedeno read aloud a draft letter of recommendation, which included a resolution of inclusiveness. If the City decided to move forward, CACoD would hope to be a part of drafting the resolution. There was further discussion and a motion made that the standing committee would actually draft language for the resolution, to be included in the letter of recomendation, bringing this back CACoD in September for final vote.

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

Yes: 5 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

3. [19-033CA](#) 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 there was no report to give this month.

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

Yes: 5 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

4. [19-034CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file report by the Mentoring Day 2019 ad-hoc committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Calsita made the following recommendations:

Hold on October 10, purposely to be held in conjunction with CACoD's monthly meeting

Start recruitment of mentors and mentees

Begin day in council chamber, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm (disperse by 9:00)

Pizza party celebration

Invite mentees to stay for 1:00 CACoD meeting

Chair McClain moved over to the Mentoring Day Ad-Hoc Committee.

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

Yes: 5 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

5. [19-035CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file report by the DEAM 2019 ad-hoc committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Bruns made the following recommendations:
CACoD's DEAM have the same theme as Department of Labor - "The Right Talent Right Now"
Michelle Obama Library
Saturday, October 26th, 12:00 - 2:30 pm

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

Yes: 5 - Ciara Calsita, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chris Karadjov, Alice Bruns and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Sherry Diamond

STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, reported:

- the grand opening of the Billie Jean King Library will be held on Saturday, September 21
- the e-scooter presentation was confirmed for September's CACoD meeting
- staff was discussing the Cycle-Track concerns that Chair McClain has raised
- there would not be a CACoD presentation for the draft inclusionary housing policy, but commissioners were invited to attend the Planning Commission's study session of August 22nd (more info on this draft policy can be found on the development services website www.longbeach.gov/lbds)
- the City's disaster preparedness webpage www.longbeach.gov/disasterpreparedness had a lot of current information available (Mrs. Van Wijk also handed out two packets that included guidelines and self-assessments to help all of us be more prepared for emergencies)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair McClain reported that she was disappointed in what she perceived as the City's lack of inclusion on planning the grand opening event for the new City Hall. She felt left out both as a resident and a member of CACoD and reminded the City to look at the event planning checklist.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT

The commission meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.