

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021  
TELECONFERENCE, 1:00 PM**

Jennifer Kumiyama, Chair  
Victor A. Garate, Vice Chair  
Gretchen Swanson, Secretary



Stephen Adams, Member  
Jeremy Hill, Member  
Chris Karadjov, Member  
Nubia Flores, Member  
Kim Vuong, Member

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kumiyama at 1:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong,  
**Present:** Gretchen Swanson, Victor Garate and Jennifer Kumiyama  
**Commissioners** Stephen Adams  
**Absent:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

The Department of Development Services, City of Long Beach, provided an overview of the housing element update, due to the state in October 2021.

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## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. [21-055CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

**Attachments:** [CACoD Minutes.August 12 2021.pdf](#)

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

**Yes:** 6 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

**Abstain:** 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

**Absent:** 1 - Stephen Adams

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

2. [21-056CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file information from Dr. Tiffany Brown, Deputy Superintendent, LBUSD, regarding LBUSD's upcoming resolution on Disability History Week.

This resolution will be heard and voted on by the LBUSD Board of Education on Tuesday, September 14th.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson, Victor Garate and Jennifer Kumiyama

**Absent:** 1 - Stephen Adams

3. [21-057CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file presentation from Keith Hoey, Assistant City Engineer and Heather Van Wijk, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, City of Long Beach regarding the 2017 Ochoa settlement and a transition plan update specific to the Ochoa settlement requirements.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Karadjov, seconded by Commissioner Vuong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson, Victor Garate and Jennifer Kumiyama

**Absent:** 1 - Stephen Adams

**STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD-HOC REPORTS**

4. [21-058CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee.

First Order of Business: Update - Steve Adams

Cabrillo High School has met with Commissioner Adams and there is currently no campus event due to Covid-19. Commissioner Adams will meet with the Superintendent regarding the future of events at the location. More information to follow post meeting with the superintendent.

As a standing committee we decided to table the event until March 2022.

Second Order of Business: Scooters in Long Beach

Commissioner Vuong is concerned about the scooters in Long Beach and the fact that she feels that they are left everywhere. Commissioner Young would like the scooter company to present to us again.

Third Order of Business: El Dorado Park

Commissioner Young will meet with Heather regarding the park.

Fourth Order of Business: Beach Mats

Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Young would like to know the date of when the beach mats are coming to Long Beach

Fifth Order of Business: Officers

Commissioner Adams motions to keep positions as is. Commissioner Garate seconds' motion.

Votes:

Commissioner Vuong Yes

Commissioner Adams Yes

Commissioner Garate Yes

Commissioner Karadjov Absent

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Young encourages everyone to vaccinate.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Airport Accessibility

Commissioner Adams will like to speak with the director with programs for students with disabilities and their accessibility of classrooms, Tiffany Brown.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m.

Commissioner Flores suggested the committee write a letter to the City asking for a timeline of implementation of the beach mats.

Deaka McClain, member of the public, spoke regarding transportation concerns at the airport and suggested that a 'Access/Dial-a-Lift' sign/stand be installed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vuong, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson, Victor Garate and Jennifer Kumiyaama

**Absent:** 1 - Stephen Adams

5. [21-059CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee.

**Attachments:** [YEP Report.September 2021.pdf](#)

Standing Committee Report - Aug, 2021

Youth, Employment and Programs

#1 - cancelled

#2 - Date of Meeting August 26, 2021

Commission Members in Attendance: Swanson, and Hill

Equity in the Public Space

City Council Member Outreach to discuss Equity in the Public Space

Zoom meetings with Council Members - none made in August.

CD5 - Meeting held w/o CM will attempt to reschedule

CD8 - Awaiting a reschedule date

Follow-up to establishing CaCOD as a resource - Commissioner Hill was contact by CD9 during the pre-planning of the Summer's Jazz Festival - we look forward to more of these planning requests.

Library Audit:

· To kick-off review of the Library Audit we ask that YEP members meet with key staff to get an update of changes and plans since the audit, as well as explore further remediation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Flores , seconded by Commissioner Vuong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong,  
Gretchen Swanson, Victor Garate and Jennifer Kumiyama

**Absent:** 1 - Stephen Adams

6. [21-060CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file update from the DEAM 2021 ad-hoc committee.

Heather Van Wijk reported that the event would be virtual on Thursday, 10/21 at 1:00pm. Four organizations will be invited including Disabled Resources Center, Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Economic Development/Pacific Gateway.

The theme of this year's national observance is 'America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion.'

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

**Yes:** 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Kim Vuong,  
Gretchen Swanson, Victor Garate and Jennifer Kumiyama

**Absent:** 1 - Stephen Adams

## STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk reported:

- CACoD will resume in-person meetings in October per Brown Act requirements
- FY22 budget passed; \$24M available for right-of-way ADA projects
- 20 year 9/11 Observance Event on Saturday, 9/11 in Signal Hill
- Citizens Police Complaint Commission Evaluation Listening Sessions announced

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

Commissioner Swanson announced a housing survey released by CSULB based on Covid effects on housing status

Commissioner Karadjov reported that in-person learning has resumed at CSULB.

Commissioner Flores reported that 1) LBUUSD BOE is hearing a disability history resolution on 9/14; and 2) there is a celebration and resource fair coming up at Coolidge Park (CD9).

Commissioner Vuong reported a Covid-related event coming up at Tichenor Clinic.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

Chair Kumiyama closed the meeting in honor of longtime disability advocate and Long Beach resident, Ms. Tina Foa Foa. Ms. Foa Foa's sons joined the meeting for these remarks.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Access/Dial-a-Lift signage update

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kumiyama adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.