

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017
SECOND THURSDAY, 1:00 P.M., CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 333 W. OCEAN
BOULEVARD, 1:00 PM**

David Gauthier, Chair
Deaka McClain, Vice Chair
Daryl Crouse, Secretary
Ciara Calsita, Member



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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica

Present: Marquez, Jamone Pili, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

Commissioners Daryl Crouse

Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

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Present: Marquez, Jamone Pili, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

Commissioners Daryl Crouse

Absent:

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Mayor Garcia was CACoD's guest speaker this month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Zendajas spoke about the DSS MAPS to College (mentoring program at CSULB) Event on 11/1/17.

Jennifer Kumiyama, staff representative from Council District 1, invited CACoD to partner with CD1 on 10/24 from 3-5 PM at City Council for a DEAM event,

France Emily Dawson Harris spoke about her post office projects, gave several handouts, and requested a letter of support from CACoD.

John Kindrick, Vice Chair, Long Beach Gray Panthers, co-founder Long Beach Environmental Alliance, spoke about the need to have the disability community more involved and represented in the housing discussion. He also voiced his concerns about LB Transit bus benches being taken away from bus stops to discourage loitering and the lack of shade available at stops. Lastly, Mr. Kendrick advised the commission about a pharmaceutical take-back event coming up on October 28.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[17-071CA](#)

Recommendation to approve minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

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

Yes: 6 - Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jessica Marquez, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

Absent: 2 - Jamone Pili and Daryl Crouse

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports this month.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Calendar Ad Hoc Committee reminded the commission about upcoming events: Disability Celebration Day at Grace Presbyterian, Hope & Joy (alzheimer's and dementia awareness) at St. Cornelius, & DEAM Event on 10/26.

Mentoring Day 2017 Ad-Hoc: recapped event

OLD BUSINESS

[17-067CA](#)

Recommendation to discuss and approve any final recommendations from Disability Employment Awareness Month 2017 ad-hoc committee.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Daryl Crouse

STAFF REPORT

Heather Blackmun, Citywide ADA/Title VI Coordinator, reminded commission of upcoming events, opened discussion regarding the council district 1 event, and apprised the commission of the upcoming new hearing loop policy. Lastly, Ms. Blackmun announced that Eric Widstrand, City Traffic Engineer, will sit in on the blue curb discussion in November.

CHAIRPERSON AND/OR VICE CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2 possible letter of support for the post office projects - mailboxes & window
Airport accesibility presentation early next year
Letter of recommendation to Mayor Garcia regarding accessible parks

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.