

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili,

**Present:** Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Commissioners** Jessica Marquez

**Excused:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Emily Quest, CD7 resident, spoke regarding the bus zones for buses that cater to children with special needs at Garfield Elementary (Hill & Baltic). Ms. Quest says these buses do not have space in their zoned parking because parents continue to park in these bus zones, meaning the children on the buses can't get out at their designated spots. Ms. Quest wanted to make CACoD aware and will continue to reach out to the police department and the school.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris, CD1 resident, commended CACoD on this year's DEAM Event and felt the vendors were very informative and helpful. Ms. Harris also shared concerns with METRO.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. [17-072CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the October 12, 2017 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:** 6 - Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Excused:** 1 - Jessica Marquez

**Absent:** 1 - Jamone Pili

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Youth, Employment & Programs: Commissioner Calsita gave update, discussed moving forward with creating a disability resource guide.

Accessibility, Transportation & Services: Vice Chair McClain gave update, stated that Ms. Harris, CD1 resident, had attended committee meeting and shared about the the federal post office projects she is working on. Commissioner Karadjov also stated that accessibility in the downtown post office was discussed. The ad-hoc discussed asking CACoD to draft a letter of recommendation (TBD later in meeting).

**Commissioners** Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili,  
**Present:** Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Commissioners** Jessica Marquez

**Excused:**

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Community ADA Checklist Ad-Hoc - Commissioner Calsita reported that CLB recently adopted an ADA checklist and her ad-hoc will review/make any necessary recommendations.

Calendar Ad-Hoc - Chair Gauthier and Vice Chair McClain recapped the various October events that CACoD supported.

DEAM Ad-Hoc - Vice Chair McClain recapped the event. Commissioner Hernandez suggested that the ad-hoc start planning earlier next year

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. [17-073CA](#)

Reccomendation to receive and file information from City staff related to the City's current Disabled Parking (blue curb) Ordinance applied in residential areas and approve any recommendations CACoD would like to make to the City Council.

City Traffic Engineer, Eric Widstrand, presented on state and local (Chapter 10.34 of the Long Beach Municipal Code) requirements and the City's application process related to blue zones (disabled parking spots) in residential areas of the City.

Discussion and Q&A followed regarding the following: City's list of relevant locations (how often it is updated), the necessity of medical certification during the City's application process given that this is done extensively at the State level before a placard or plate is issued (unnecessary replication of efforts), the decision process that includes where to put blue zones and how many (depending on number of applicants in a general area), the possibility of allowing residents to apply for blue zones even if they don't drive the vehicle (ex: child with a disability who relies on a caregiver), and better clarity on what the application is asking of the resident.

Public comment from Emily Quest spoke, CD1, Frances Emily Dawson Harris spoke, CD1 and Wilma Blue spoke, fist time visitor from San Fernando Valley.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili, Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Absent:** 1 - Jessica Marquez

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. [17-074CA](#) Recommendation to discuss and approve letter of recommendation to Mayor Garcia regarding specific accessible playground features at our City parks.

There was a lot of discussion regarding Measure A park improvements and what the commission would ultimately like to recommend to Mayor Garcia regarding future accessibility improvements.

**A motion was made by Secretary Crouse, seconded by Commissioner Pili, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili, Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Absent:** 1 - Jessica Marquez

4. [17-075CA](#) Recommendation to discuss and approve a letter of recommendation to the city council to support the accessible mail box project spearheaded by City resident Frances Emily Dawson Harris.

**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, Jamone Pili, Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Absent:** 1 - Jessica Marquez

5. [17-076CA](#) Recommendation to discuss and approve a letter of recommendation to the city council to support the accessible priority window in the downtown post office project spearheaded by City resident Frances Emily Dawson Harris.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Ciara Calsita, Richard Hernandez, Chris Karadjov, Jamone Pili, Daryl Crouse, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier

**Absent:** 1 - Jessica Marquez

## **STAFF REPORT**

Heather Blackmun reported that the new civic center library will have the following accessibility components: Ramped entries to the building, elevator access to all floors of the building, parking levels and the new Lincoln Park, 8 accessible parking spaces located within the building, wide width stairs from the street to the Library level with visual warning stripes at each stair, and intermediate handrails, wide width entry doors, even transitions between flooring material, visual and audible warnings for fire alarm, ALS systems in public meeting rooms, accessible height counters as all pantries and work areas, wheel chair approach at circulation desks, all toilet rooms to be accessible, and to include at least 1 accessible stall in multi stall toilet rooms, adjustable height computer tables in the ICDP Center, cane stop detectors as all stairs in low clearance locations, and tactile and visual room signage.

Ms. Blackmun also reported that during FY17, 29 sidewalk improvement projects and 167 curb ramps were installed through the City's ADA Access Request Program. Lastly, Ms. Blackmun reported that the City has finalized several new accessibility policies that will officially launch this month with staff trainings.

## **CHAIRPERSON AND/OR VICE CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Daryl Crouse officially announced his resignation from the commission.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM in memory of Jerry Caligirui.