

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020  
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBER,  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00 PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair  
Alice Bruns, Vice Chair  
Stephen Adams, Member  
Nubia Flores Cedeno, Member



Connie Gutierrez, Member  
Chris Karadjov, Member  
Kim Vuong, Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair McClain at 1:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Stephen Adams, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong and Deaka

**Present:** McClain

**Commissioners** Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Alice Bruns

**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Adams.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Joe Partansky, visitor to Long Beach, spoke about his ADA guide and his history of disability advocacy.

Donaldo Reed, with Rockin' Blues Entertainment, spoke about the Special Needs Valentine's Day Party coming up on February 11th at the Alpert Jewish Community Center. Mr. Reed invited CACoD to participate.

**PRESENTATION**

Lori Delaney, Executive Director of Tichenor Clinic for Children, presented to CACoD. Ms. Delaney highlighted the programs and resources available through Tichenor and shared the long history of this organization in our City.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Yes:** 4 - Stephen Adams, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Alice Bruns

[20-001CA](#)

Recommendation to approve minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

[20-002CA](#)

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 Adams reported that the committee discussed the possibility of CACoD participating in the Unity Festival coming up on Saturday, March 7th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Cabrillo High School. There was also discussion about the possibility of CACoD partnering with Cabrillo High School for a separate accessibility event in the future. Lastly, Commissioner Adams invited CACoD to a mixer on March 5th that will highlight the festival on March 7th.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Stephen Adams, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Alice Bruns

[20-003CA](#)

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 Cedeno reported that the committee discussed goals for 2020 and how the resource guide may be updated. There was also discussion about the concern of redundancy given all of the information already available to the public and how the commission can build on what already exists.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Stephen Adams, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Alice Bruns

**NEW BUSINESS**

[20-004CA](#)

Recommendation to appoint Commissioner Nubia Cedeno as secretary of the executive committee to serve the remaining of the 2019/2020 term.

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

**Yes:** 4 - Stephen Adams, Nubia Flores Cedeno, Kim Vuong and Deaka McClain

**Absent:** 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Chris Karadjov and Alice Bruns

## DISCUSSION OF 2020 GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR CACOD

There was a very robust conversation about increasing community outreach and public participation and engagement. Additionally, there was discussion about ways that CACoD could publicly recognize community leaders and organizations and acknowledge the work that is being done on behalf of the disability community.

There were requests for updates specific to the right-of-way self evaluation and transition plan and the Blueprint for Economic Inclusion and a presentation from Parks, Recreation and Marine to highlight all of our inclusive programming. Additionally, there was discussion about honoring Dr. Barry Levay, professor at CSULB, for his Camp Nugget program at the university before he retires in June 2020.

There was discussion about a new stakeholders group that Senator Gonzalez is taking the lead in putting together that will focus attention on housing and transportation concerns in the disability community. CACoD will eventually be invited to participate.

It was suggested that CACoD start researching current events specific to disability topics and research what other cities are doing to enhance their disability commissions.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

Commissioner Cedeno, a member of the Community Advisory Committee for LBUSD, shared that the first meeting of the year will be held on January 15th, and will focus on the district's possible plans for special education after hearing feedback from parents. There will also be a presentation on the State of Special Education. Commissioner Cedeno also reported that she is organizing a candidate's forum for parents in School Board Districts 2 and 4. The forum will be held on February 12 at Browning High School.

Commissioner Adams, who works for The Children's Clinic (TCC), reported that TCC has partnered with Mental Health America (MHA) and will soon be opening a new location, which will highlight a mobile dental care clinic. Commissioner Adams will share dates in February.

Commissioner Vuong, who works for Tichenor Clinic for Children, shared about a new eating program at the clinic, which will kick off on January 10th.

Chair McClean, who sits on the advisory committee for LA Care, shared that this committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month in Los Angeles, starting at 10:00 am. Chair McClean shared that she also serves Harbor Regional Center, and their client services meeting is the 4th Wednesday of every month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Harbor Regional Center also has a new self-determination program that meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and rotates between Long Beach and Torrance.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Citywide Accessibility Coordinator reported that:

- CACoD has two new commissioners that will hopefully start in February
- finalized the schedule for the Festival of Human Abilities
- FCA includes self-evaluations of parks spaces and facilities (CACoD requested an update on previous recommendations)
- meeting with Mobi-Mat vendor
- salary resolution for City commissioners
- AR7-5 Effective Communication Policy for the City of Long Beach
- Upcoming ADA trainings for City staff
- Council directive to provide a report on existing services the City provides to small businesses to increase ADA compliance and a feasibility study of developing proactive solutions for small businesses to address construction-related accessibility and ADA-compliance issues

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CLOSING REMARKS**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Camp Nugget Recognition and Presentation  
College Internship Program Presentation in October 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.