

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021  
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM, 1:00 PM**

Victor A. Garate, Chair  
Gretchen Swanson, Secretary  
Stephen Adams, Member  
Nubia Flores, Member  
Jeremy Hill, Member



Chris Karadjov, Member  
Nicholas Matthews, Member  
Kim Vuong, Member

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Garate called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Stephen Adams, Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nicholas

**Present:** Matthews, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

**Commissioners** Nubia Flores

**Absent:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

Chris Pangilian, Head of Global Policy for Public Transportation and Accessibility for Uber, presented information about Uber's new wheelchair accessible program called UberWAV.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. [21-066CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

**Attachments:** [CACoD Minutes.October 14 2021.pdf](#)

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Nicholas Matthews

**Absent:** 1 - Nubia Flores

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2. [21-067CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee.

**Attachments:** [ATS Report.November 2021.pdf](#)

Commissioner Adams reported that this committee discussed a possible transportation fair in March 2022 a Cabrillo High School; airport accessibility and a possible paratransit stop at the airport; status of Pride Tower.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Stephen Adams, Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nicholas Matthews, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

**Absent:** 1 - Nubia Flores

3. [21-068CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee.

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

Commissioner Hill reported that this committee met in October and continued discussions around equity in public spaces and prepared for an upcoming meeting with City Manager Tom Modica.

Secretary Swanson reported that the meeting with Mr. Modica, as well as, Deputy City Manager, Teresa Chandler, was beneficial; the committee's goals seemed to be supported by city management.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Stephen Adams, Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nicholas Matthews, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

**Absent:** 1 - Nubia Flores

**REGULAR AGENDA**

4. [21-069CA](#) Recommendation to hold a special election for the currently vacant position of vice chair.

Commissioner Kim Vuong is now vice chair.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Stephen Adams, Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nicholas Matthews, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

**Absent:** 1 - Nubia Flores

5. [21-071CA](#) Recommendation to resume in-person meetings for the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Stephen Adams, Chris Karadjov, Nicholas Matthews, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

**No:** 1 - Jeremy Hill

**Absent:** 1 - Nubia Flores

## **STAFF REPORT**

Heather Van Wijk reported the following:

1. Reminded commissioners to turn in their time sheets;
2. Redistricting has concluded and the new Long Beach map/new boundaries was adopted on November 18th;
3. Beach access mats are moving forward in 2022 with 3 locations: Granada Beach, Mother's Beach & Alamitos Beach. Installation is projected to be in April/May 2022.
4. Accessible path at archery range has been improved and the ISO stenciled has been applied
5. Accessible parking has been increased at El Dorado Park - specifically serving the dog park.
6. Working with airport staff on a paratransit stop
7. Emergency Rental Assistance Program still available
8. LB recognized as top digital city

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

Chair Garate reported that he attended the Dios Los Muertos event in November hosted by Councilwoman Zendejas. He stated that the event was very safe (including rapid Covid testing) and accessible.

Secretary Swanson reported that Legal Aid Foundation has recently restarted their free legal clinics to assist with housing issues. She encouraged people take advantage of these services.

Vice Chair Vuong reported that Tichenor Clinic has a new executive director.

Commissioner Adams reported that TCC continues their vaccination efforts. He also reported that TCC now has a wheelchair accessible vehicle to support the community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS**

Commissioner Mathews reported that the City is using scanned PDFs for during on-boarding processes, which are inaccessible to those who use screen readers.

Heather Van Wijk reported that the mobility bureau will present in January regarding e-scooter updates. The city attorney's office will also present a Brown Act refresher in January.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Garate adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

I, Heather Van Wijk, Citywide Accessibility Coordinator, certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

\_\_Heather Van Wijk (electronically signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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