

Standing Committee Report

Youth, Employment and Programs

Date of Meeting March 15, 2021 at 1:30pm-2pm

Commission Members in Attendance: Swanson, Kumiya Absent: Ayres

Presentation – Trajectory of Equity in the Public Space

Proposal Elements to be sent to Brian Ulaszewski at City Fabrick

- Meeting focus: historical trajectory of equity in the public space in the City of Long Beach
- Presentation Objectives
 - Defines the values and priorities within the City, and where they exist.
 - Discuss minimum vs. optimum standards
 - Implications of less than optimum standards
 - Cost/financial burden
 - Personal cost/disparity burden
 - How do municipalities judge/score themselves on how equitably accessible they are?
 - Do they judge based on complaints/lack of complaints?
 - Monitor ADA accommodations, code citations and/or lawsuits
 - Do cities monitor participation levels of persons with disabilities and how is this achieved
 - Example policies that achieve equity and under what regulatory body do they occur.
 - Universal design needs to be redefined and reimagined so that buildings can grow old with people who'll grow old or acquire disabilities.
 - This is a person-oriented approach in public spaces and structures.

Response and Recommendations to Library Audit:

- Inquiry: Is there a relationship between Innovation and Technology Commission and the Library
- As the Library has no programming that is needs-specific for persons with disabilities.
 - Could we direct the library to survey the Disabilities group that Heather meets with every month?
 - Are there other program ‘connections’ that can be made with the Library e.g. LBUSD?
- YEP will continue to work on this response but is waiting to proceed, until we have a full subcommittee.

March’s CACoD Presentation - Carl Hickman:

- Draft a letter in response to the last presentation and state that we want to participate in the periodic state traffic regulation update process. And ask that the City Traffic Engineer make this presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Swanson, Co-chair YEP