

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 1:00 PM**

Jennifer Kumiyama, Chair
Victor A. Garate, Vice Chair
Gretchen Swanson, Secretary



Stephen Adams, Member
Jeremy Hill, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Nubia Flores, Member
Kim Vuong, Member

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Garate at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Stephen Adams, Kim Vuong,

Present: Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

Commissioners Nubia Flores and Jennifer Kumiyama

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Reggie Harrison, the City of Long Beach's Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications, shared an overview of disaster preparation; a review of equity practices within the department; a review on 911 activation; and, a review of 911 technology used to assist people with disabilities.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. 21-051CA Recommendation to approve minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

Attachments: [CACoD Minutes.July 8 2021.pdf](#)

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

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

Absent: 2 - Nubia Flores and Jennifer Kumiyama

STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD-HOC REPORTS

2. 21-052CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee.

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

Commissioner Adams reported that this committee met on Friday, August 6th. Items discussed included the transportation fair and the current Covid-status/delta variant that could affect locations for this event (current options are Cabrillo HS and The Scottish Rite Cathedral); accessibility concerns at El Dorado Park specific to the archery range; a future presentation from Parks, Recreation & Marine; scooters concerns; a future presentation from the airport, including a possible field trip.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Nubia Flores and Jennifer Kumiyama

3. 21-053CA Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee.

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

Commissioner Swanson reported that this committee met on both July 8 and July 22. The committee continues to work on equity in public spaces and have met with four councilmembers and Mayor Garcia since the July 8 commission meeting (meeting with a total of 6 councilmembers). These meetings have been positive and productive. Commissioner Swanson also spoke on the Cities For All Initiative, which was formally adopted by the City of Long Beach on August 3, 2021.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Nubia Flores and Jennifer Kumiyama

4. 21-054CA Recommendation to receive and file report from the DEAM 2021 ad-hoc committee.

No report.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Nubia Flores and Jennifer Kumiyama

STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk reported on the several successes the City achieved in July, including Cities for All; beach mats feasibility study and the work being done around that including meeting with vendors and working with the CA Coastal Commission; the demobilization of the mass vaccine site at the Long Beach Convention Center; the ongoing redistricting meetings; the final community budget meeting before the FY22 budget gets adopted; the adoption and availability of the final Digital Inclusion Resource Guide; Housing Element Update wrapping up very soon.

AGENCY REPORTS

Commissioner Adams reported The Children's Clinic Family Health Center continues vaccine efforts with ongoing clinics at various locations throughout each week.

Commissioner Hill reported on Astro Access' current efforts around space flight for people with disabilities. For more information please go to www.astroaccess.org.

Commissioner Karadjov reported that CSULB will be starting classes soon at 50% in person.

Commissioner Vuong reported that Tichenor Clinic is having a backpack give-away event on 8/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parks & Rec presentation
Better community engagement

ADJOURNMENT