

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021
TELECONFERENCE VIA WEBEX, 1:00 PM**

Nubia Flores Cedeno, Chair
Stephen Adams, Vice Chair
Kim Vuong, Secretary



Victor A. Garate, Member
Jeremy Hill, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Jennifer Kumiyama, Member
Gretchen Swanson, Member

TELECONFERENCE VIA WEBEX

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CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson,
Present: Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores
Commissioners Jennifer Kumiyama
Absent:

ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Commander Melvin Mcguire, Long Beach Police Department Training Bureau, presented to the commission this month on different trainings police officers receive in preparation for emergency calls for service specific to public safety. There was a lot of discussion around people with disabilities and the possibility of integrating people with disabilities into the police department's training modules that will help officers better identify the different needs of people with disabilities, understanding that it cannot be a 'one size fits all approach.'

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [21-032CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

Attachments: [CACod Minutes.May 13 2021.pdf](#)

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD-HOCS REPORTS

2. [21-033CA](#)

Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation and Services standing committee.

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

Commissioner Garate reported that the standing committee met on Monday, June 4th, all commissioners present (Adams, Garate, Karadjov, Vuong). The first order of business discussed was the need for accessible beach mats - Commissioner Vuong has reached out to her councilmember and is prepared to write a letter of support as the committee chair. The second order of business was the desire to host a transportation resource fair and will work with Heather on coordinating dates (after the updated health orders are released by the State on June 15th). The third order of business was the leaf blowers discussion; the committee will continue to monitor and waits for the report due from the health department next year. The final order of business was airport accessibility/access to the planes and a future presentation that Commissioner Karadjov will work with Heather on.

Commissioner Karadjov asked about a previous presentation to the commission that included a discussion about beach mats.

Public comment included a statement by Deaka McClain (former CACoD commissioner) about the importance of being accessible and inclusive, specifically lifting up the need for accessible beach mats.

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

3. [21-034CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment and Programs standing committee.

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

Commissioner Swanson reported that this standing committee now meets twice monthly, meeting the 13th and 27th of May. All commissioners were present; Heather Van Wijk and Chair Flores joined, too.

The committee actions included a review of the Ochoa Settlement requirements and how these requirements apply to the work CACoD is pursuing specific to equity in public spaces; confirmed meetings with councilmembers from districts 1, 2, and 6; working to schedule a meeting with district 7; finalizing discussion points in preparation for these meetings.

A review of the library audit remains on the committee's priorities list.

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

4. [21-035CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file planning report from the Disability History Day at City Hall 2021 Event ad-hoc committee.

Attachments: [Disability History Day at City Hall - ad hoc notes 52621.p](#)

Heather Van Wijk read the following report into record on behalf of Commissioner Kumiyama:

Disability History Day at City Hall

Confirmed Date in order of preference: Thursday October 7th, 2021

Confirmed Time: 11am to 1pm

Tech AV Needs:

Mic

Slideshow Capabilities

Audience Mic for Q and A

Order of Discussion:

- Early historical acknowledgement of disability - asylums, 'lab rat' type studies.
- Early historical stereotypes of the disability community - sterilization of women with disabilities to prevent them from procreating.
- Pre-Civil Rights - how the Vietnam War was really the driver for disability inclusion because of all of the soldiers that came home injured.
 - De-institutionalization, educational spaces, workplaces issues
- Repeal 504 of the Civil Rights Movements.
- Independent Living Movement - founding fathers
- Exclusion of people with disabilities from the Civil Rights Laws.
- Pre-ADA
- Post ADA
- Current existing stigmas
- People first language

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

REGULAR AGENDA

5. [21-036CA](#) Recommendation to form ad-hoc committee for Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) 2021 Event.

2021 DEAM Ad-Hoc Committee:
Commissioner Karadjov
Commissioner Swanson
Commissioner Vuong

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

6. [21-037CA](#) Recommendation to send a letter of recommendation to the mayor, city council, city manager, and the departments of public works and parks, recreation and marine regarding the need for better access to our beaches for people with disabilities.

DISCUSSION:

The City is currently investing millions of dollars into the new and improved beach concessions and activity hubs at Alamitos Bay, Junipero Beach and Granada Beach; this is a perfect opportunity to create a more inclusive and welcoming experience for all people with the use of accessible matting. This matting, now being used in other CA beach cities like Huntington Beach and Manhattan Beach (as well as other beaches across the country), will allow beach-goers a seamless transition from the pedestrian path to the ocean, giving people with disabilities an opportunity to experience the beach in a way they never have before.

Chair Flores noted that there are brand new concessions and playgrounds that have been or will be constructed at Alamitos, Granada and Junipero beaches, opening up perfect opportunities to install accessible beach mats. This is not an issue of ADA compliance, but equity and inclusion. The time is now.

Commissioner Swanson reminded us that access only works if it takes us somewhere, and that these mats align with the spirit of the Ochoa Settlement. Commissioner Swanson suggested that a survey be conducted within the disability community by parks & recreation to gauge their needs and what might be useful to them.

Commissioner Vuong suggested that parks & recreation come to CACoD's next meeting.

Commissioner Hill suggested that the recommendation include beach shower accessibility.

Deaka McClain, former CACoD Commissioner, spoke in support of the item.

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Victor Garate, Chris Karadjov, Gretchen Swanson, Kim Vuong, Stephen Adams and Nubia Flores

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk reported the following:

- the City is still working to get all qualified City residents vaccinated against Covid-19;
- the public works Division Street curb ramps project (CD3 - 11 intersections) will move forward with a pilot location this year. The cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$1M;
- Community Budget Meetings will commence soon, do dates announced yet;
- Mayor and City Council will return to in-person council meetings starting in June; the public will be all invited to return in July;
- CACoD will need to decide when to return to in-person meetings;
- CACoD and Tichenor Clinic is hosting a community forum with the LBPD Mental Evaluation Team on Friday, June 18th;
- LA County Commission on Disabilities meets the 3rd Monday of every month;
- CACoD commissioners are welcome to join the City's internal Access & Inclusion training series;
- the final Digital Inclusion Roadmap is going to Council for approval on June 15th;
- the Long Beach Public Library has released a survey to the public to better understand needs; the survey is open until August 28th.

AGENCY REPORTS

Commissioner Adams reported that The Children's Clinic continues to host weekly vaccination clinics at various locations, partnering with various organizations. Commissioner Adams also shared that he would like to start focusing on the Transportation Resource Fair, tentatively scheduled for November 20th in partnership with LB Unity Festival, and will share more information next month.

Commissioner Vuong announced that Tichenor Clinic and CACoD are hosting a community forum with LBPD on June 18th.

Commissioner Garate reported that Long Beach Dial-A-Lift continues to service the Long Beach Convention Center vaccine site.

Commissioner Hill shared that he appreciates all of the City's Covid-19 vaccine efforts.

Commissioner Swanson reported that LIBRE (renter's rights) offers 'Know Your Rights' workshops and will share that information with the commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation from the City's 911 Dispatch Center
Presentation from Parks & Recreation and Public Works
Long Beach Unity Festival/CACoD Transportation Resource Fair

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 2:48 PM.