

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Nubia Flores Cedeno
Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [21-017CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

Attachments: [CACoD Minutes.March 11 2021.pdf](#)

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Jeremy Hill

Absent: 1 - Nubia Flores Cedeno

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. [21-018CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee.

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

Commissioner Garate reported that the ATS standing committee met on Monday, April 5th at 11:20 pm. Commissioners present were Adams, Garate, Vuong; Absent was Commissioner Karadjov. The first discussion was around leaf blowers. Commissioner Vuong suggested that the commission wait for the City's impact report due next year before any continued analysis. The second discussion centered around the accessibility of the new playground at Junipero Beach. Lastly, the committee discussed the importance of getting vaccinated and the positive role that paratransit was playing in the roll-out. Future agenda items include ramps discussion at beaches.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Nubia Flores Cedeno

3. [21-019CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee.

Attachments: [YEP Standing Committee Report.April 8 2021.pdf](#)

Commissioner Swanson reported that she and Commissioner Kumiyama met on March 18th to discuss 1) future presentation on equity in public space by Brian Ulaszewski of City Fabrick at a CACoD meeting, focusing attention on minimum standards vs. optimum standards and the definition of universal design in the City; 2) future analysis of recent library audit; and 3) would like to ask again for City Traffic Engineer, Cark Hickman to present at an upcoming CACoD meeting.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Nubia Flores Cedeno

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [21-020CA](#) Recommendation to send a follow up letter of recommendation to the City Council, City Manager and Office of Equity to ensure that people with disabilities are included in the Framework for Reconciliation.

This CA-Agenda Item was laid over.

5. [21-021CA](#) Recommendation to memorialize intentions and begin discussions around how CACoD can support and advocate for people with disabilities as the City identifies potential uses for the 13-acres of undeveloped land in the downtown area.

With the City's housing element being actively discussed and analyzed, Commissioner Swanson reminded the commission of the need for accessible and affordable housing in Long Beach. Commissioner Swanson went on to state that the 13-acres in the downtown area could be devoted to affordable housing and recommended that CACoD participate in these discussions as the item evolves.

This discussion was sent to Accessibility, Transportation and Services standing committee.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Nubia Flores Cedeno

6. [21-022CA](#) Recommendation to formalize CACoD's support of the Covid-19 vaccine mobile pop-up clinic at Chavez Park Community Center on Friday, April 16th in partnership with Council District 1, AOC7 Neighborhood Group, Willmore City Neighborhood Group, and LB Forward.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Nubia Flores Cedeno

AGENCY REPORTS

Vice Chair Adams reported that The Children's Clinic Family Health Center is ramping up vaccine efforts in both the north and west side of the City, seeing 1000s of people weekly.

Commissioner Swanson reported that Heart of Ida is one of the five organizations that was selected to support the rental assistance program and is currently waiting on training.

STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk reported the following:

- 1) The City has officially transitioned over to MyTurn for vaccine appointments and notifications;
- 2) The mobile vaccine unit is in operation for people who cannot leave their home for vaccine appointments;
- 3) The City is currently drafting an update to the Housing Element to fulfill requirements under state law and currently has a survey open on the City's website. Additional virtual meetings and opportunities will be available later this spring, as the City continues its work in developing a draft plan.
- 4) Long Beach Emergency Rental Assistance (LB-ERAP) - On-line applications available beginning the week of Monday, April 12, 2021 for LB-ERAP for qualifying tenants impacted by Covid-19. More information can be found at www.longbeach.gov/rentalassistance.
- 5) The ADA National Symposium will hold their annual event this year, registration begins April 15th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Adams at 1:45 pm.