



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES (CACOD)
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

LOCATION:

Main Library
Lower Level Meeting Room

DATE:

August 11, 2016

TIME:

12:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chairperson McClain.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bell, Anthony
Calsita, Ciarra
Gauthier, David
Hernandez, Richard
Karadjov, Chris – tardy
McClain, Deaka

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kumiyama, Jennifer
Valdespino, Sidney

STAFF PRESENT

Blackmun, Heather
Bussi, Katherine
Murry-Myles, Sherriel

GUESTS

Caron, Josephine
Miles, Cleodia

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the July 14, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Calsita seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Josephine Caron, Library Services, greeted the Commissioners and introduced herself. Ms. Caron stated that the Grand Opening for the new Michelle Obama Branch Library located at 5870 Atlantic Avenue will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 AM. Secondly, Ms. Caron stated that the 2017 City Budget community meetings are on-going and reminded the Commissioners that this is their opportunity to provide input and to show their support to the City. Lastly, Ms. Caron stated that the Manager for the Information Center for People with Disabilities (ICPD) advised her that the specialized software for the ICPD should be installed and available sometime in August. Ms. Caron stated that she is pleased with this news as the ICPD has seen an increase in usage especially with groups like Ability First and Easter Seals.

Cleodia Miles stated that there are several locations where driveways are too steep for wheelchairs; the eastside of Atlantic Avenue between 11th Street & Anaheim and both sides of 20th Street between Atlantic Avenue and Long Beach Blvd.

STAFF REPORT:

Sherriel Murry-Myles, Human Resources Officer, reported that the Proclamation for October has been requested with an October 4th date. Secondly, Ms. Murry-Myles reported that the memo for Disability Mentoring Day has been submitted to the Director of Human Resources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility & Transportation Standing Committee:

Commissioner Bell reported that there was no quorum.

Programs & Services Standing Committee

Commissioner Hernandez reported that there was no quorum.

Youth & Employment Standing Committee

Commissioner Calsita reported that Disability Mentoring Day is set for October 11th and that the committee has requested a photo of both Chris Garner and Chris Miller to include in the recruitment letter that they co-authored. Additionally, Commissioner Calsita reported that the committee would like to start distributing the recruitment letter for mentors as well as send out "Save the Date" reminders to the mentee contacts.

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to accept the committee report. Commissioner Calsita seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Towne Hall meeting: Commissioner Bell made a motion to postpone the Towne Hall meeting until February 2017. Commissioner Calsita seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0-0).
- B. Trash receptacles in City facilities' accessible bathroom stalls: Sherriel Murry-Myles reported that Craig Beck, Director of Public Works has some follow-up questions regarding the type of trash receptacles to be placed in the accessible bathroom stalls.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Sherriel Murry-Miles introduced the new Citywide ADA Coordinator, Heather Blackmun. Ms. Blackmun greeted the Commissioners and provided her background. Ms. Blackmun stated she is looking forward to her new role. Additionally, Ms. Blackmun stated she wants CACoD and the community to know that there is a person in this role that will filter Citywide ADA issues, she provided her phone number 570-6257. Discussion ensued.
- B. DEAM Ad Hoc committee report: no report.
- C. Commissioner Gauthier made a motion to have Commissioner Karadjov select his placement on the standing committees. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Commissioner Karadjov elected to be on both the Accessibility and Transportation committee as well as the Program and Services committee.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve Commissioner Karadjov's committee placement. Commissioner Calsita seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0-0).

- D. Josephine Caron discussed the software for the ICPD during Public Comment.

- E. Commissioner Calsita made a motion to discuss the November election. Commissioner Gauthier seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. It was deemed that if there is a specific Ballot Measure that could possibly affect the disabled community then CACoD could write a letter advising the Mayor.
- F. Commissioner Calsita made a motion to draft an invitation to Public Works to discuss truncated domes. Commissioner Gauthier seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0-0).
- G. Commissioner Bell made a motion to draft an invitation to the City Attorney's Office for an educational presentation. Commissioner Gauthier seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0-0).

CHAIRPERSON AND/OR VICE-CHAIRPERSON CLOSING REMARKS:

Chairperson McClain stated that she is honored to be the Chairperson of such a wonderful Commission and that she hopes the Commission continues to do exceptional work and remain a forethought, not an afterthought.

Vice-chairperson Gauthier welcomed the new Citywide ADA Coordinator.

ANNOUNCEMENT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairperson McClain announced that Commissioner Kumiyama was involved in the Delta Air Lines shut down.

Josephine Caron thanked CACoD for their continued support of services provided to the disabled community.

Commissioner Hernandez announced that the Disabled Resources Center will host their next Empowerment Seminar regarding ADA and voting on August 18th from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. How to increase public participation at CACoD events
2. Live Feed of CACoD meetings
3. Update of City Website
4. Invite the Housing Authority to discuss affordable housing in Long Beach
5. Ballot measures
6. How to accommodate disabled patrons at the Long Beach Airport in the event of an Air Line shut down
7. Celebration for out-going City Staff

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. Commissioner Gauthier seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0-0)

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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