



MINUTES

IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

February 25, 2015

Irvine Civic Center
Conference and Training Center
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (ICYFAC) was called to order on February 25, 2015, 5:38 p.m. at Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, in the Conference and Training Center by Chair Wertheimer-Gale.

ROLL CALL

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| Committee Member: | Nikki Aflatooni | High School Youth Action Team Rep |
| Committee Member: | Sandy Avzaradel | Irvine Unified Representative |
| Committee Member: | Theresa Collins | Appointed by: Councilmember Shea |
| Committee Member: | Nancy Colocino | Irvine Prevention Coalition Rep |
| Committee Member: | Diana Jiang | Appointed by: Mayor Choi |
| Committee Member: | Ambica Makhija | High School Youth Action Team Rep |
| Committee Member: | Scott Shultz | Community Services Representative |
| Committee Member: | Jim Shute | Community Services Representative |
| Committee Member: | Cynthia Tang | High School Youth Action Team Rep |
| Member-At-Large: | Drew Motta | Member-At-Large |
| Chair: | Diane Wertheimer-Gale | Appointed by: Councilmember Krom |

ABSENT

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| Member-At-Large: | Christina Hernandez | Member-At-Large |
| Committee Member: | Karle Montgomery | Irvine Child Care Committee Rep |
| Member-At-Large: | Alison Moriarty | Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Wertheimer-Gale led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Manager Schneider-Jones introduced new ICYFAC Members:

- Diana Jiang, appointed by Mayor Choi
- Scott Shultz, Community Services Commission Representative
- Jim Shute, Community Services Commission Representative

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Schneider-Jones announced the following:

- Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee Members-At-Large Interview Panel

ICYFAC members were asked to participate on an interview panel for the selection of ICYFAC member-at-large candidates, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 19 or Friday, March 20. Chair Wertheimer-Gale, Committee Member Avzaradel and Committee Member Jiang volunteered to serve on the panel.

- Irvine Children's Health Program Review Committee

ICYFAC members were asked to serve on a committee to review progress of the Irvine Children's Health Program and assist with the development of a new request for proposals to select a contractor to implement the program, as the current contract will expire at the end of September. Chair Wertheimer-Gale, Committee Member Colocino and Committee Member Jiang volunteered to participate.

- Upcoming Election of Officers

Officer elections will be held at the next regular ICYFAC meeting per committee by-laws.

- Upcoming Community Education Forum

The next ICYFAC community education forum will be held in partnership with the Irvine Child Care Committee on Thursday, April 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Dr. Michelle Borba, author of 22 parenting and educational books, will be presenting *Parents Do Make a Difference: Tools for Constructing Good Behavior, Strong Character and Resilience in Children*. A second forum for child care providers and educators will be held on Friday, May 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. An event flyer will be emailed to ICYFAC members in the next several weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Colocino, seconded by Committee Member Motta and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting held November 12, 2014, with one amendment changing the approving signature line from Recording Secretary Inmon to Chair Wertheimer-Gale.

Ayes: 11 Aflatooni, Avzaradel, Collins, Colocino, Jiang, Makhija, Motta, Schultz, Shute, Tang, Wertheimer-Gale
Noes: 0
Absent: 3 Hernandez, Montgomery, Moriarty

2. DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

Committee received a verbal update of the Strategic Plan for Children, Youth and Families Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. No Committee action taken.

RECESS TO A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recessed to a special joint meeting with the Irvine Child Care Committee at 5:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER- SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

A special joint meeting with the Irvine Child Care Committee was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL – IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**left at 6:15 p.m.*

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ROLL CALL – IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

Committee Member: Deborah Fleshman, Liaison Representative
Chair: Donna Schwartze, Agency Representative

ABSENT:

Committee Member: Lindsay Cullen, Provider Representative
Committee Member: Seth Grossman, Parent Representative
Committee Member: Don Grudem, Agency Representative
Committee Member: Wenli Lin, Liaison Representative
Committee Member: Mary McDonough, Liaison Representative
Committee Member: Karle Montgomery, City Council Appointee- Krom
Committee Member: Chris Porto, City Council Appointee- Shea
Committee Member: Mary von dem Bussche, Parent Representative
Committee Member: Anna Yuhan, City Council Appointee- Choi
Vice Chair: Wendy Warner, Provider Representative

A quorum of the Irvine Child Care Committee was not present and it was therefore announced that any Irvine Child Care Committee member may speak as a member of the public.

1. JOINT COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1.1 CHILDREN , YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND CHILD CARE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION TO PROVIDE INPUT ON PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Principal Planner Nicandro introduced Jose Rodriguez of MIG, the consulting firm hired to develop a Parks and Facilities Master Plan, who led the focus group workshop.

Discussion included need for: facilities not only meant to be used as athletic/sports parks; more spaces inspired by nature (woods, trees); bicycle connectivity to park system; wheelchair accessibility; more seating; easier transportation access; upgraded restrooms; inclusion of elements such as petting zoos, farms and trains; themed parks; improved resources for drinking water for people and dogs; self-directed exercise equipment or fitness stations; improved barbecue equipment; more shaded areas/structures for picnics; improved landscaping/mature trees for shade; interactive water features; areas to rent equipment such as bikes and roller skates; disc golf facility; music venues for concerts; snack bars; indoor sports facilities; passive/quiet areas with seating and shading; natural

elements to promote creative play; more locations similar to Adventure Playground; more meandering walking paths versus straight; additional dog parks; fountains; areas to display public art; additional swings and teeter-totters, less monkey bars; areas dedicated to zip lining or rock climbing; farming/community garden areas; lighted linkages through school properties where schools and parks are adjacent.

No Committee action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public Deborah Fleshman, Irvine Child Care Committee Member; Donna Schwartz, Irvine Child Care Committee Chair; and Michael Chan, Associated Students of Irvine Valley College commented on vision and opportunities for Irvine Parks including: mile markers for runners; parks with fun themes; playgrounds with musical equipment (i.e. metal piano) and other features to encourage families to play together; public art in parks including fountains; indoor amenities like the Anaheim Packing House with a variety of features to appeal to young adults; child care programs to access gardens at parks for educational opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT- SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

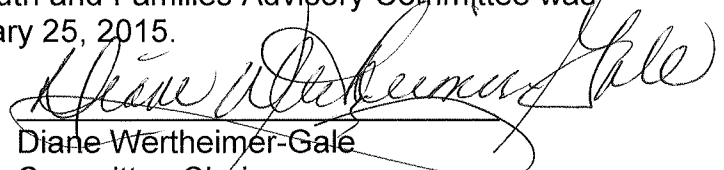
The Special Joint Meeting with the Irvine Child Care Committee was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT- REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.


Diane Wertheimer-Gale
Committee Chair


Laurie Gruschka
Recording Secretary

5/13/15
Date