



# MINUTES

## IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

**AUGUST 30, 2017**

**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 was called to order on August 30, 2017 at 5:33 PM, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, in the Conference and Training Center; Co-Chair Perkinson presiding.

### ROLL CALL

#### Present:

Committee Member:	Cristina Blevins	Irvine Unified School District Rep
Committee Member:	Wendy Bokota	Irvine Prevention Coalition Rep
Committee Member:	Gerardo Canul	Member-At-Large
Committee Member:	Joanne Farrell	Tustin Unified School District Rep
Committee Member:	Diane Gale	Member-At-Large
Committee Member:	Zhihai Li*	Appointed by: Councilmember Fox
Committee Member:	Dick Owens	Community Services Representative
Committee Member:	Evan Park	High School Youth Action Team Rep
Committee Member:	Cathy Sun	High School Youth Action Team Rep
Secretary:	Marisa Lo	Appointed by: Councilmember Schott
Co-Chair:	Lauren Johnson-Norris	Community Services Representative
Co-Chair:	CC Perkinson	Appointed by: Mayor Wagner

*\*Arrived at 5:45 p.m.*

**Absent:**

Committee Member:	Theresa Collins	Appointed by: Councilmember Shea
Committee Member:	Seth Grossman	Irvine Child Care Committee Rep
Committee Member:	Barbara Quinlan	Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Co-Chair Perkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Community Services Manager Sheila Driscoll introduced the following new members:

- Cristina Blevins, Irvine Unified School District
- Joanne Farrell, Tustin Unified School District
- Gerardo Canul, Member-at-Large
- Diane Gale, Member-at-Large
- Evan Park, High School Youth Action Team
- Cathy Sun, High School Youth Action Team

Self-introductions were conducted by members and staff present.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. When You Turn 18: A Survival Guide for Teenagers

Joseph Chairez, Past President of the Orange County Bar Association and creator of the Orange County Bar Association’s Teen Legal Survival Skills Program and Esther Lin, Volunteer Program Presenter, provided an overview of Teen Legal Survival Skills Program.

Led by attorneys, the program includes a presentation to teach 17 to 18 year old students how the law will affect them as adults. Students also receive a written guide “When You Turn 18” explaining pertinent laws. The program is available free to schools, faith organizations, juvenile services and other agencies, and can be tailored to the specific interests of each group.

Discussion included: topics students most frequently ask about; frequency of written guide updates.

2. Creekside Leadership Academy

Community Services Specialist Lisa Osmanian-Weinfurter provided a presentation on the Creekside Leadership Academy describing the following activities offered during the six-week afterschool program: educational lectures; community service projects; and excursions and career exploration field trips. Various program outcomes were also highlighted.

Discussion included: characteristics of the student body; average length of enrollment; participation in the Academy; outcomes of the employment exploration portion of the program; assistance transitioning back to traditional schools; and opportunities to participate in programs such as advocacy activities in Sacramento.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Disability Services Needs Assessment Community Meeting**

Senior Management Analyst Laurie Gruschka announced the City will be holding a community meeting at 6 p.m. on October 12 at the Irvine Civic Center as part of the Disability Services Needs Assessment process. Attendees will hear about the findings of the City's online community survey and will have the opportunity to share ideas about programs and services for individuals with disabilities in Irvine.

### **2. Irvine Police Department Mental Health Outreach Program Grant**

Senior Management Analyst Gruschka announced the City received a \$30,000 grant from Hoag Hospital Community Benefit program to fund FOR Families program support to the Irvine Police Department Mental Health Outreach Program.

### **3. Child Care Committee November Parent Forum**

Senior Management Analyst Gruschka announced the City will be holding a parent forum titled "Helping the Behaviorally Challenged Child" on November 16 at Quail Hill Community Center. The promotional flier will be emailed to the committee when available.

### **4. Review of Committee Bylaws**

Manager Driscoll announced the Community Services Department will be conducting a review of the bylaws for the boards and committees that report to the Community Services Commission. This item will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

### **5. Committee Member Interests**

Co-Chair Johnson-Norris announced the November meeting will include an opportunity for Committee Members to share information about individual areas of interests pertaining to the Strategic Plan for Children, Youth and Families.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Committee Member Bakota announced the first Irvine Prevention Coalition meeting of the 2017-18 school year will be held on September 28 at Creekside High School. The meeting will address the topic of suicide prevention in recognition of Suicide Prevention month. Scheduled guest speakers are: Rick Mogil, Program Director of Suicide Bereavement Services; Didi Hirsch, Mental Health Services; and Alan Schlichting, Executive Director of Student Support Services for Irvine Unified School District. Mr. Schlichting will discuss the District’s new Board policy and staff professional learning focused on suicide prevention.

Committee Member Bakota also announced that Red Ribbon Week activities will be held during the month of October at schools and community sites in Irvine.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Co-chair Johnson-Norris, seconded by Secretary Lo and unanimously carried by members present to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee held May 24, 2017 as corrected.

Ayes:	12	Blevins, Bakota, Canul, Farrell, Gale, Li, Owens, Park, Sun, Lo, Johnson-Norris, Perkinson
Noes:	0	
Absent:	3	Collins, Grossman, Quinlan

**2. IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

Manager Driscoll presented the staff report.

**ACTION:** Moved by Co-chair Johnson-Norris, seconded by Committee Member Gale and unanimously carried by members present to approve the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee Proposed Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2018, designating August 29 as the meeting date for August.

Ayes: 12 Blevins, Bakota, Canul, Farrell, Gale, Li, Owens, Park,  
Sun, Lo, Johnson-Norris, Perkinson  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 3 Collins, Grossman, Quinlan

**ADJOURNMENT** at 6:49 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.



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Laurie Gruschka  
Recording Secretary

  
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Co-Chair

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