



# MINUTES

## IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2019

Irvine Civic Center  
Conference & Training Center  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, California

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Chockalingam.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:**

BOARD MEMBER:	BRENDA DEELEY
BOARD MEMBER:	ANDREA DRAYER
BOARD MEMBER:	DAVID GIBBONS
BOARD MEMBER:	PAUL HARVEY
BOARD MEMBER:	KAY KALRA
BOARD MEMBER:	JENNIFER KIM
BOARD MEMBER:	JAMES MORGAN
BOARD MEMBER:	RICHARD ROBERT
VICE CHAIR:	CAROL CONSTANTIN
CHAIR:	MEENA CHOCKALINGAM

**Absent:**

BOARD MEMBER:	JUNE McLAUGHLIN
BOARD MEMBER:	DAYNA MONEY
BOARD MEMBER:	DENNIS NIGGL
BOARD MEMBER:	BARBARA STERN

### INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Chockalingam introduced new Board Members Deeley, Kim, and Morgan.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Disability Services and Sweet Shade Update**

Community Services Supervisor Susie Blanco and Program Coordinator Ryan McGraw provided a presentation regarding updates to Disability Services programming and Sweet Shade Center renovations.

Discussion included: modifications to the interior of the building; recent and upcoming programs at the new facility; adding the tag line “Ability Center” to marketing materials; plans for the Open House event scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 3-5 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD REPORTS**

### **Announcements/Reports**

#### **1. Staff Announcements/Reports**

- Sweet Shade Universal Playground – Supervisor Blanco shared the Universal Playground at Sweet Shade is moving forward with Request for Proposals for design and construction support services.
- Irvine Global Village Festival – Program Coordinator McGraw announced the Irvine Global Village Festival will be a two-day event this year on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, 2019 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Orange County Great Park.
- Census 2020 – Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo announced Census 2020 will open in March 2020. Information on how to complete the decennial survey online will be shared once it becomes available.
- Board Annual Update to Community Services Commission – The Board will present the draft annual update at its September 3 regular meeting for input, prior to the official presentation to the Community Services Commission on October 2.

#### **2. Board Member Announcements/Reports**

- Board Workshop – Chair Chockalingam announced plans are underway for a Board Workshop.
- Board Member Gibbons recommended the Board explore a collaboration with the CERT Program to identify opportunities that may better assist people with disabilities during disaster situations.

## **Committee Announcements/Reports**

3. Disability Friendly Community Member Award Nominations - There were no nominations.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Woody Jones announced the Irvine Rotary Club plans to collaborate with the Board on a community project. The Rotary Club has dedicated \$750 to this special project.

Beth Koenig of the Orange County Deaf Advocacy Center shared she works with local agencies and cultural organizations to advocate for individuals with hearing and visual impairments.

Modjdeh Akbari expressed appreciation for the City's programs available to individuals with special needs.

Malalai Atmar stated she values the programs and services offered through local organizations, such as the City and the Irvine Unified School District.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **1. MINUTES**

Item carried to the September 3, 2019 regular meeting.

### **2. IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE WITH CHANGE TO MEETING LOCATION**

Supervisor Blanco presented the item and responded to Board inquiries.

Discussion included: relocating Board meetings to Sweet Shade Ability Center for the remainder of the calendar year.

**ACTION:** Moved by Board Member Kalra and seconded by Board Member Gibbons to approve the revised Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board 2019 Meeting Schedule.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 10 Chockalingam, Constantin, Deeley, Drayer, Gibbons, Harvey, Kalra, Kim, Morgan, Robert

Noes:

Absent: 4 McLaughlin, Money, Niggl, Stern

**3. IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN**

**ACTION:** Reviewed and updated the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board Work Plan goals and assignments.

**END OF BOARD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

  
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Meena Chockalingam, Chair

  
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Ryan McGraw  
Community Services Program Coordinator  
Recording Secretary

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