



# MINUTES

## IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**MARCH 3, 2020**

**Sweet Shade Ability Center  
15 Sweet Shade  
Irvine, California**

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Chockalingam.

### ROLL CALL

#### **Present:**

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| BOARD MEMBER: | BRENDA DEELEY      |
| BOARD MEMBER: | ANDREA DRAYER      |
| BOARD MEMBER: | DAVID GIBBONS      |
| BOARD MEMBER: | KAY KALRA          |
| BOARD MEMBER: | JENNIFER KIM       |
| BOARD MEMBER: | DENNIS NIGGL       |
| VICE CHAIR:   | CAROL CONSTANTIN   |
| CHAIR:        | MEENA CHOCKALINGAM |

#### **Absent:**

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| BOARD MEMBER: | JUNE McLAUGHLIN |
| BOARD MEMBER: | JAMES MORGAN    |
| BOARD MEMBER: | BARBARA STERN   |

### INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

## **PRESENTATION**

### 1. Disability Friendly Community Member Award Presentation

Chair Chockalingam presented the award to Robert Hendershot, founder of the nonprofit organization Angels for Higher, for advocacy and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the work place.

### 2. Pretend City Volunteer Program

Autumn Hagstrom, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, overviewed volunteer opportunities at Pretend City and provided handouts.

Discussion included: The volunteer opportunities available for individuals with special needs. Roles include Greeter, Exhibit Support, and Administrative Support.

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

### **Announcements/Reports**

#### 1. Staff Announcements/Reports

Supervisor Ryan McGraw shared the following:

- Disability Services in collaboration with IRDAB, is hosting two free screenings of *Aging Out: Autism is for Life*. Supervisor Ryan McGraw asked for Board support before and after showings. Register at [Yourirvine.org](http://Yourirvine.org).
- A Press Release went out for the IRDAB recruitment to fill 3 vacancies. Applications are due March 20, 2020. More information is available on the City of Irvine website.
- Chair Chockalingam would like to invite City Council, Commissioners, and other elected officials to the screening of *Aging Out: Autism is for Life*.

#### 2. Board Member Announcements/Reports

- Board Member Gibbons shared his daughter's coaching accomplishments.
- Board Member Gibbons will be attending the Chapman University DisAbility Summit on March 27, 2020.

- Chair Chockalingam attended a recent Regional Center Board training in Sacramento. They identified the top two issues facing the special needs population are employment and housing.
- Board Member Kim shared upcoming lobbying opportunities and events in California including:
  - CalTASH 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, **Sacramento, March 6-7, 2020**
  - Family Voices of California Health Summit & Legislative Day, **Sacramento, March 15-17, 2020**
  - CAL ABLE Workshop 1, **Cypress, March 18, 2020, 5-6pm**
  - CAL ABLE Workshop 2, **Irvine, March 19, 2020, 9-11am**
  - Thompson Policy Institute Disability Summit, **Orange, March 27, 2020**
  - UDL-IRN International Summit, **Burlingame, April 7-9, 2020**
  - Dear Mom, **Burbank, April 18, 2020**
  - Involved Exceptional Parents (IEP) Day, **San Diego, April 25, 2020**
  - Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference, **Sacramento, April 27-28, 2020**
  - Immersed LA K-12 XR Summit, **Los Angeles, May 2, 2020**
  - International Society on Technology in Education (ISTE) conference, **Anaheim, June 28-July 1, 2020**
  - California MTSS Professional Learning Institute, **Anaheim, July 28-30, 2020**
- Board Member Kim announced the Irvine Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has a job opening, the Department of Developmental Services CAC is recruiting members and Orange County Transportation Authority has an open survey.

### **Committee Announcements/Reports**

#### 3. Disability Friendly Community Member Award Nominations

- Board Member Drayer summarized her interview with Annetta Simons, an instructional assistant and job coach. Board Member Drayer approved the nomination of Annetta Simons.
- The Disability Friendly Community Member Award will be presented to Annetta Simmons at a future meeting.

#### 4. Board Work Plan Committee Updates

- Board Members discussed updates to their work plan.

- Board Member Deeley attended an Irvine Land Trust meeting and shared 10 affordable housing units are scheduled to become available December 2020.
- Board Member Kim shared legislative updates related to the special needs community. This included upcoming California State Capitol Hearings, Supreme Court of the United States decisions, the Transformation to Competitive Employment Act, the Achieving a Better Life Experience Age Adjustment Act, and federal budget changes.
- Board Member Constantin presented at a recent Irvine CAC meeting and is working to link the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board information with the Irvine CAC website.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **1. MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Board Member Drayer and seconded by Board Member Kalra to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on February 4, 2020.

The motion carried as follows:

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| Ayes: 8   | Chockalingam, Constantin, Deeley, Drayer, Gibbons, Kalra, Kim, Niggl |
| Noes: 0   |  |
| Absent: 3 | McLaughlin, Morgan, Stern  |

## **END OF BOARD BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Board Member Gibbons seconded by Board Member Drayer, and unanimously carried by members present to adjourn the meeting at 7:19PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Meena Chockalingam  
Meena Chockalingam, Chair

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Ryan McGraw  
Community Services Supervisor  
Recording Secretary

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Date

**Signature:**   
Meena Chockalingam (Nov 1, 2020 18:06 PST)

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