

# **MINUTES**

# IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

August 1, 2023 Sweet Shade Ability Center 15 Sweet Shade Irvine, CA 92606

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at 6:09 p.m. on August 1, 2023, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair Kim presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

10 Board Member:

Katherine Claxton

Board Member: Board Member: Board Member: RJ De Rama Andrea Drayer Tala Fazeli Janie Mulrain\*

Board Member: Board Member: Board Member: Board Member: Board Member:

Michelle Smith
Pamela Torres
Mimosa Tran

Vice Chair: Chair: Liza Krassner Jennifer Kim

\*Left meeting at 7:10 p.m.

#### PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETING

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Supervisor, provided instructions on how to participate in the Board meeting for those attending via Zoom or in person.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions made.

## 1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Disability Friendly Community Member Award – Roxane Olsh Elmore & Jacqueline Kron

Chair Kim and Board Members Claxton and Mulrain presented the award for exceptional and impactful service to persons with disabilities in the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) educational system to Roxane Olsh Elmore and Jacqueline Kron.

# 1.2 The Girl Scout Spirit of Inclusion - Noelle Hales, Inclusion Specialist

Noelle Hales, Girl Scouts of America Inclusion Specialist, presented on the Spirit of Inclusion program. Presentation highlights were program structure, service overview, and efforts in inclusion.

Discussion included: number of Girl Scouts needing and receiving inclusion services; modifications provided to achieve Gold Award status.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments.

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor McGraw made the following announcements:

- Universal Playground in Sweet Shade Park
  - Construction is scheduled to commence in the fall and expected to take six to nine months to complete.
  - o A ribbon cutting ceremony with City Council will be scheduled for spring 2024.
  - o Current and former Board Members will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- The Office of Health and Wellness released a community survey focused on mental health and substance use and all residents are encouraged to respond.

#### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Member Fazeli announced Mariners Church Exceptional Socials Summer Schedule 2023.

Board Member Claxton made the following announcements:

- One Irvine Program has detailed information on housing updates regarding Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations.
- The Achievers is a volunteer-based group that provides adaptive skiing lessons and will be the Disability Friendly Community Member Award recipient at the Board's November meeting.

## 2. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

# 2.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach

Chair Kim reported the following:

 Chair Kim and Board Member Tran attended the Senior Citizens Council meeting on June 15, 2023, to learn about the Strategic Plan for Older Adults 2023 through 2028 and noted overlapping interests with Senior Citizens Council will be explored in future meetings with Board members.

- An invitation will be extended to the following IUSD athletes to be recognized at the Board's November meeting:
  - Luzi Ashley
  - o Nathan Nipp
  - Fin Galliger

# 2.2 Access and Functional Needs - No report.

# 2.3 Special Projects and Collaborations

Board Member Tran reported Project SEARCH may be presenting at November meeting, and The Achievers with Move United will be the next recipient of the Disability Friendly Community Member Award.

#### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### 3. BOARD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Board Member Claxton, seconded by Board Member De Rama, and unanimously carried by those members present (Board Member Mulrain absent) to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on May 2, 2023.

#### **END OF BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Vice Chair Krassner, seconded by Board Member Claxton, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:19 p.m.

OARD CHAIR

Brandee Sendziak

Community Services Program Coordinator

Recording Secretary

Date Approved