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# AGENDA

## IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2024  
6:00 PM

**Sweet Shade Ability Center  
15 Sweet Shade  
Irvine, CA 92606**

### **PARTICIPATION AT IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS**

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**REQUEST TO SPEAK IN PERSON:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ON A SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM, NON-AGENDA ITEM, OR PUBLIC HEARING, PLEASE FILL OUT A REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM AND SUBMIT TO THE RECORDING SECRETARY. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU IDENTIFY ON THE FORM YOUR NAME AND THE ITEM(S) ON WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. THE REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM ASSISTS THE CHAIR IN ENSURING THAT ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD ARE RECOGNIZED. IT ALSO ENSURES THE ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS IN THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES. YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED AT THE TIME PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE HEARD BY THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD. CITY POLICY IS TO LIMIT PUBLIC TESTIMONY TO UP TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER DEPENDING ON RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH INCLUDES THE PRESENTATION OF ELECTRONIC OR AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION. SPEAKERS MAY NOT YIELD THEIR TIME TO OTHER PERSONS.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** THE ORDER OF SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS BELOW AND/OR THE TIME THEY ARE ACTUALLY HEARD, CONSIDERED AND DECIDED MAY BE MODIFIED BY THE CHAIR DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, SO PLEASE STAY ALERT.

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO FOLLOW THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE BROWN ACT AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCESS. FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 949-724-6637, OR VIA EMAIL AT [DISABILITYSERVICES@CITYOFIRVINE.ORG](mailto:DISABILITYSERVICES@CITYOFIRVINE.ORG). IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, OR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA, ARE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**1. PRESENTATION**

***1.1 Disability Friendly Community Member Award – Chair Kim***

***1.1.1 Richard Ward***

***1.2 Project SEARCH – Adriana Zamora and Diana Nevarez***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

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Public comments on non-agendized items will be heard no sooner than 6 p.m. Any member of the public may address the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board on items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction but which are not listed on this agenda. If 20 or fewer requests to provide public comments are submitted, each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. If between 21 and 30 speakers submit public comments, each speaker shall be limited to two minutes. If more than 30 speakers submit public comments, each speaker shall be limited to 90 seconds. The time limit per speaker shall be established based on the number of requests to speak submitted to the Recording Secretary before the first speaker is called. Requests to speak submitted after the first speaker is called shall receive 90 seconds. These time limits may be shortened or extended, or a cumulative limit on the time for all public speakers may be imposed, at the discretion of the Chair or by a majority vote of the Board.

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**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Announcements are for the purpose of presenting brief comments or reports, are subject to California Government Code Section 54954.2 of the Brown Act and are limited to 3 minutes per Speaker

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**2. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

***2.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach***

***2.2 Access and Functional Needs***

***2.3 Special Projects and Collaboration***

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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Additions to the agenda are limited by California Government Code Section 54954.2 of the Brown Act and for those items that arise after the posting of the Agenda and must be acted upon prior to the next Board meeting.

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**3. BOARD BUSINESS**

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Public comments on Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board items will be heard at the time the matters are considered. If 10 or fewer requests to speak are submitted, each speaker shall be limited to three minutes per item. If between 11 and 15 speakers submit requests to speak, each speaker shall be limited to two minutes per item. If 16 or more requests to speak are submitted, each speaker shall be limited to 90 seconds per item. The time limit per speaker shall be established based on the number of requests to speak submitted to the Recording Secretary before the first speaker is called. Requests to speak submitted after the first speaker is called shall

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### **3.1 MINUTES**

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held November 14, 2023.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**At 7:30 p.m.**, the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board will determine which of the remaining agenda items can be considered and acted upon prior to 8 p.m. and will continue all other items on which additional time is required until a future Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board meeting. All meetings are scheduled to terminate at 8 p.m.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

As a general rule, staff reports or other written documentation have been prepared or organized with respect to each item of business listed on the agenda. Copies of these materials are on file with the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board liaison and are available for public inspection and copying once the agenda is publicly posted, (at least seven days prior to a regular Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board meeting).

If you have any questions regarding any item of business on the agenda for this meeting, or any of the staff reports or other documentation relating to any agenda item, please contact the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board liaison at (949) 724-6637.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL RECEIVED AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Any supplemental writings or documents distributed to a majority of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board regarding any item on this agenda after the posting of the agenda will be available for public review in the Community Services Department, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, during normal business hours. In addition, such writings or documents will be made available for public review on the City's website and at the respective public meeting.

#### **SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR DISSEMINATION OR PRESENTATION AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Written Materials/Handouts: Any member of the public who desires to submit documentation in hard copy form may do so prior to the meeting or at the time he/she addresses the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board. Please provide 15 copies of the information to be submitted and file with the Recording Secretary at the time of arrival to the meeting. This information will be disseminated to the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Board at the time testimony is given.

#### **CITY SERVICES TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

It is the intention of the City of Irvine to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City of Irvine will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board liaison at (949) 724-6637 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible. Please advise us at the time if you will need accommodations to attend or participate in meetings on a regular basis.

**COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

To minimize distractions, please be sure all personal communication and electronic devices are turned off or on silent mode.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular meetings of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board are held quarterly on the first Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. Agendas are available at the following locations:

- Community Services Department
- Police Department
- Front Entrance of City Hall
- City's web page at [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board meeting was posted in accordance with the law in the posting book located in the Public Safety Lobby and at the entrance of City Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California on January 29, 2024 by 5:30 p.m. as well as on the City's web page.

  
Board Liaison

## **3. BOARD BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 3.1 MINUTES**



# MINUTES

## IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**November 14, 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 6:10 p.m. on November 14, 2023, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair Kim presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	9	Board Member:	Katherine Claxton
		Board Member:	RJ De Rama
		Board Member:	Andrea Drayer
		Board Member:	Tala Fazeli
		Board Member:	Janie Mulrain
		Board Member:	Pamela Torres
		Board Member:	Mimosa Tran
		Vice Chair:	Liza Krassner
		Chair:	Jennifer Kim

### PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETING

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

### INTRODUCTIONS

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, introduced Robert Espinosa as the new TRIPS and Disability Services Supervisor.

### 1. PRESENTATIONS

Chair Kim announced Project SEARCH will present at the Board's regular meeting in February.

**1.1 Irvine Commendation Award – Luzi Ashley, Nathan Nipp**

Chair Kim presented the Irvine Commendation Award for outstanding achievements as a para-athlete in Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) track and field to Luzi Ashley and Nathan Nipp.

**1.2 Disability Friendly Community Member Award – Nahu Gebree, Vice President of The Achievers**

Board Member Claxton presented the award to The Achievers Vice President, Nahu Gebree for exceptional, dedicated, and impactful service to persons with disabilities in Southern California, providing opportunities to participate in adaptive alpine and downhill skiing activities

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent McGraw made the Universal Playground in Sweet Shade Park updates:

- Construction is scheduled to commence in the winter and expected to take six to nine months to complete.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony with City Council will be scheduled upon the playground's completion.
- The playground will have a space and exploration theme.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Krassner announced there will be a sensory friendly showing of The Nutcracker on December 8, 2023, at the Irvine Barclay Theater.

Chair Kim made the following announcements:

- Richard Robert was recognized for his advocacy for IUSD para-athletes Luzi Ashley and Nathan Nipp receiving commendations from City of Irvine.
- Board Member Tran announced her resignation from the Board; she was recognized and thanked for her service and dedication to the Board.

Board Member Mulrain shared about the Long Beach Adaptive Sports Fair being held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Long Beach City College.

Board Member Fazeli shared Dreams of America is opening a third location near the Irvine Spectrum Center.

Board Member De Rama recognized the work done and programs provided by the City of Irvine Disability Services Staff.

## **2. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***2.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach***

Chair Kim commented on the success of the Board's presence at the Irvine Global Village Festival and mentioned feedback from the Board on accessibility enhancements for next year.

### ***2.2 Access and Functional Needs***

Board Member Fazeli shared her insights from her interview with Board Member Torres on accessibility for those who are deaf or hard of hearing when attending social outings, such as movie theaters. Board Member Fazeli shared there are services available such as headphones, glasses with closed captioning visible during the movie, and a closed captioning device that can sit in the cup holder. She mentioned that there are also reservation options for sensory friendly showings of films.

### ***2.3 Special Projects and Collaborations***

Board Member Mulrain reported Project SEARCH will present at the February meeting.

## **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 Fazeli, seconded by Board Member Mulrain, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on August 1, 2023, as corrected.

### ***3.2 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024***

**ACTION:** Moved by Board Member Fazeli, seconded by Vice Chair Krassner, and unanimously carried to approve the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2024.

**END OF BOARD BUSINESS**



**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Board Member Claxton, seconded by Board Member De Rama, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

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BOARD CHAIR

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Brandee Sendziak  
Community Services Program Coordinator  
Recording Secretary

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Date Approved