



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, and Finn Galagher

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 Ashely 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 Roberts was recognized for his advocacy in IUSD para-athletes Luzi Ashley and Nathan Nipp receiving Irvine Commendations.
- 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.

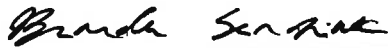
END OF BOARD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

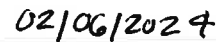
Moved by Board Member Claxton, seconded by Board Member De Rama, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:25 p.m.



BOARD CHAIR



Brandee Sendziak
Community Services Program Coordinator
Recording Secretary



Date Approved