

MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2024 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 6:05 p.m. on February 6, 2024, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair Kim presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 Board Member: Katherine Claxton

Board Member: RJ De Rama
Board Member: Andrea Drayer
Board Member: Tala Fazeli
Board Member: Janie Mulrain
Chair: Jennifer Kim

Absent: 2 Board Member: Pamela Torres

Vice Chair: Liza Krassner

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

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Disability Friendly Community Member Award – Richard Ward

Board Member Claxton introduced Richard Ward, February recipient being honored for his work with the Success with Purpose Community Giving Circle Initiative. Chair Kim presented the award.

1.2 Project SEARCH - Adriana Zamora and Diana Nevarez

Chair Kim announced the presentation from Adriana Zamora and Diana Nevarez with Project SEARCH would be rescheduled for a later date due to inclement weather.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Brandee Sendziak, Community Services Program Coordinator, read the following public comment on behalf of Irvine resident Neela Ranganathan:

• Requested that the Board consider her request for the City to honor lighting accommodations in her neighborhood with 2,700 Kelvin street bulbs.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, provided an update on the Sweet Shade Universal Playground project, stating the construction is scheduled to begin February 2024 with an estimated completion timeframe of eight to nine months.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Kim made the following announcements.

- Recognized Board Member De Rama for his organization, Makapo Aquatics Project, being featured in Hawaiian Airlines in-flight magazine, Hana Hou.
- Provided a recap on the holiday social gathering for the Board Members.

Board Member Fazeli announced a call to action to urge legislators to reject the delay of \$1 billion in state funding for developmental services. A link with information on the Lanterman Coalition was provided.

2. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach No report.
- 2.2 Access and Functional Needs No report.

2.3 Special Projects and Collaborations

Board Member Claxton announced the following:

- Orange County Aspergers Support Group will be presented the Disability Friendly Community Member Award at the next regular meeting.
- Makapo Aquatics Project will be presenting at the next regular 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 Claxton, and unanimously carried by those members present (Board Members Krassner and Torres absent) to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on November 14, 2023.

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 6:40 p.m.

BOARD CHAIR

Brandee Sendziak

Community Services Program Coordinator

Brale Serbjok

Recording Secretary

5/7/2024 Date Approved