



MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 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 6:12 p.m. on May 7, 2024, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair Kim presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Board Member:	RJ De Rama
		Board Member:	Andrea Drayer
		Board Member:	Tala Fazeli
		Board Member:	Janie Mulrain
		Board Member:	Pamela Torres
		Vice Chair:	Liza Krassner
		Chair:	Jennifer Kim
Absent:	2	Board Member:	Katherine Claxton
		Board Member:	Pamela Torres

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 – Orange County Asperger Support Group

This award was presented to Judi Uttal, President of Orange County Asperger Support Group, who accepted the award on the group's behalf.

1.2 Project SEARCH

Adriana Zamora and Diana Nevarez with Project SEARCH provided a presentation on the organization's services, goals, community partners, and resources.

Discussion included: referral process; participant enrollment; employment rate upon completion of program; challenges; differences between Project SEARCH and the Paid Internship Program.

1.3 Makapo Aquatics Project

RJ De Rama, Board Member and founder of Makapo Aquatics Project, provided a presentation on the organization's history, vision, values, programs, services, and international work.

Discussion included: events and volunteer opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Espinosa provided the following updates:

- Sweet Shade Universal Playground project is a third of the way through the projected timeline.
- Disability Friendly Community Member Award recipients will now be featured on the City of Irvine Flickr website.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Mulrain made the following announcements:

- Shared new policies that affect individuals with disabilities who receive low-income Social Security income and benefits.
- Praised the new Irvine Connect shuttle service and encouraged fellow Board members to promote and use the service.

Vice Chair Krassner made the following announcements:

- Irvine Global Village Festival is taking place on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will feature two new areas this year: Sports and Games Arena and Junior Makers.
- The City is inviting residents to participate in public arts visioning sessions to provide input for consideration towards the Public Arts Master Plan.

Chair Kim made the following announcements:

- Reflected on the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) Abilities Awareness Event and CicloIRVINE outreach opportunities that took place in April and May.
- Upcoming TASH Conference taking place in New Orleans, Louisiana from December 5-7, 2024.
- Upcoming National Down Syndrome Congress annual convention taking place in Phoenix, Arizona from July 25-28, 2024.

2. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach

Chair Kim reported the following:

- Discussed feedback from the Board's annual report to the Community Services Commission on March 7, 2024.
- Reviewed resident use of Disability Services Programs and shared data on the number of Regional Center clients living in Irvine.
- Social media engagement opportunities.
- Upcoming participation in City events.

2.2 Access and Functional Needs – No report.

2.3 Special Projects and Collaborations

Board Member Mulrain reported the following:

- IUSD Special Education teacher of over twenty years, Liz Sulack, will be presented the Disability Friendly Community Member Award at the next regular meeting.
- Board Member Mulrain will be presenting to the Board on public benefits 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 Drayer, seconded by Board Member Mulrain, and unanimously carried by those members present (Board Members Claxton and Torres absent) to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on February 6, 2024.

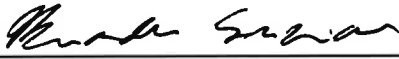
END OF BOARD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Krassner, seconded by Board Member Fazeli, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:45 p.m.



BOARD CHAIR



Brandee Sendziak
Community Services Program Coordinator
Recording Secretary

8/6/2024

Date Approved