



MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2025
Sweet Shade Ability Center
15 Sweet Shade
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Committee (Committee) was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on February 4, 2025, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair De Rama presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Committee Member:	Katherine Claxton
		Committee Member:	Andrea Drayer
		Committee Member:	Tala Fazeli
		Committee Member:	Jennifer Kim
		Committee Member:	Janie Mulrain
		Committee Member:	Pamela Torres
		Chair:	RJ De Rama

Absent:	1	Vice Chair:	Liza Krassner
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PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE MEETING

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

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Disability Friendly Community Member Award

This award was presented to Ryan Vande Wydeven for exceptional and impactful service to persons with disabilities through his efforts toward inclusion as Head Coach at College Park Splash with the Irvine Swim League.

1.2 Irvine CONNECT

Mike Davis, City of Irvine Transit & Transportation Administrator, provided a presentation on Irvine CONNECT.

Discussion included: Funding for the renewal of Irvine CONNECT program; how residents can support the program; data analysis and whether it exceeded expectations as far as ridership and route clarification; and Orange County Transportation Authority support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

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

- To foster genuine collaboration and transparency, suggested Committee meetings should be more effectively announced or promoted to the broader community, and that engaging the community through a survey on programs and classes will help shape meaningful opportunities that address real needs and wants within the community.

Esther Morales, Irvine resident, made the following public comment:

- Acknowledgement of City staff and Committee's hard work in the community, and thanked the Committee for sharing presentation slides online as part of the Zoom option to participate, and asked that staff and Committee Members take a second look at correcting the audio of the meeting via Zoom due to poor audio feedback and sound quality.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Staff Announcements

Supervisor Espinosa made the following announcements:

- Disability Services Sweethearts Ball will be held on February 7 for ages 16 and older from 7-9 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.
- Camp Connect Spring Session will be held the week of March 31 for ages 12 through 18.
- Per Committee Member requests, Disability Services is completing evaluation of webpage resources and identifying which are Irvine based to note them more clearly, as well as looking to include the Disability Friendly Community Member Award Winners on the Committee webpage.

2.2 Committee Member Announcements

There were no Committee Member announcements.

2.3 Subcommittee Reports

2.3.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach – No report.

2.3.2 Access and Functional Needs – No report.

2.3.3 Special Projects and Collaborations

Committee Member Claxton reported that the Disability Friendly Community Member Award nomination form would be shared with the Committee and there will be no award presentation at the May meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Committee Member Fazeli, seconded by Committee Member Mulrain, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Chair Krassner absent) to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on November 12, 2024.

3.2 IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESIGNATION OF INTERVIEW PANEL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

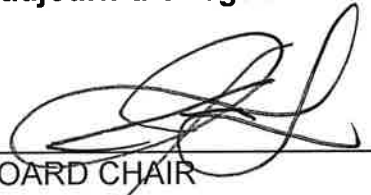
ACTION:


Unanimously carried by those members present to designate Committee Members Claxton and Fazeli to serve on a selection subcommittee to interview candidates for new member recruitment.

END OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Claxton, seconded by Committee Member Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present to adjourn the regular Committee meeting at 6:55 p.m.


BOARD CHAIR


Recording Secretary

5-6-2025
Date Approved