

City of Fountain Valley
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
MINUTES
May 4, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Borack called the regular meeting for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to order at 6:11PM.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present: John Borack, Susanne Seiden, Herman Ajamian, Georgia Bleiweis, Michael Mau, Gail Olson, Len Santoro, Jerry Supernaw, Jan Werts, and Katy Wright.

Members Absent: Kayla Borack, Phil Nisco, Nora Webb

Staff Present: Ben Dieterle, Community Services Supervisor
Natalie Nunez, Recreation Leader

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Kim Constantine and Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Grandis

Public: Debra Paul, Bob Paul and Glenn Bleiweis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2023 MEETING

Motion to approve meeting minutes from March 2, 2023 brought 1st by Committee Member, Jerry Supernaw, 2nd by Committee Member, Susanne Seiden. Motion approved 10-0.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Universally Accessible Playground Update – Ben Dieterle, Community Services Supervisor
 - a. Currently forming a fundraising committee.
 - b. Contract with Little Tikes to build the playground has been fully executed & building materials are expected to arrive by end of calendar year (many are customized so it takes longer)
 - c. MOU with Unlimited Play (for fundraising) has been fully executed.
 - d. Chair John Borack and Community Services Director Rob Frizzelle presented the Advisory Committee powerpoint at the city council meeting to introduce the committee.

- B. Spotlight Series – Social Media Campaign | Quarterly in months of January, April, July, October
 - a. April - Caregiver to one of the attendees from the ACPD dances – In progress; to be completed during May
 - b. July – Gary Forman
 - c. Future Recommendations for 2023 – October- N/A

- C. Awards Program
 - a. Application (pdf & fill-in) and promotional materials available on the website
 - b. Deadline: August 25
 - c. Review: September 7 - ACPD Committee Meeting
 - d. Presentation: October 17 - City Council Meeting

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Committee Name Change – Ben Dieterle & John Borack
Ben Dieterle, Community Services Supervisor reported that following the March meeting, Community Services Manager, Jenni Worsham, provided a memo to Rob Frizzelle, Community Services Director, which included a recap of the agenda discussion regarding the Committee name change that took place at the March meeting (information from memo can be found in March meeting minutes recap). Rob provided the memo to Maggie Le, City Manager, who after speaking to Council Member Grandis, asked us to reconsider and discuss again and ensure it included the Edison SAC information (provided in the Committee folders). Depending on outcome of this meeting, the Committee may be asked to hold a study session prior to the May 16th City Council meeting or present as an agenda item at the Council Meeting to discuss the subject further. More information will be available next week & Jenni will send an update email to the Committee. All are welcome to attend the Council presentation if we are requested to do so.

As requested, a discussion took place regarding changing the name of the Committee. This discussion included feedback from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Grandis, as well as six Committee members to include Committee Chair John Borack and Committee Members Jan Werts, Katy Wright, Georgia Bleiweis and Jerry Supernaw. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair John Borack stated that he would reach out to Community Services Supervisor Jenni Worsham via email to collaborate on creating a survey that will be sent out to the community. The survey aims to gather opinions and suggestions regarding alternative names that could be considered for the Committee. The goal is to find a name that resonates with everyone and can be agreed upon by the majority.

- B. Dances
- a. Update on Dance held on April 28-
 - One of the most successful dances ever with 100 people in attendance and the biggest dance since the pandemic. Many volunteers were there and three city council members attended.
 - Committee Member Gail Olson suggests implementing name tags for both the attendees and the volunteers/committee members to help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment.
 - b. Next Dance Date – Friday, June 2, Prom Theme
 - Graphic has been posted on webpage & will be sent out.
 - Photographer - needs & setup – Jerry Supernaw has a volunteer that has all the equipment.
- C. City updates – Ben Dieterle
- a. **Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Workshop** will take place on May 16 prior to the City Council Meeting. During the Budget Workshop, City staff will review the City's current financial status and revenue projections for the next fiscal year. The City will also discuss its proposed budget and priorities for the upcoming year, including capital improvement projects, staffing levels, and ongoing programs and services. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend the Budget Workshop and provide their input and feedback on the City's proposed budget.
 - b. **Reminder** – ACPD is dark in July. The next meeting will take place on September 7th.
- D. Other Recreational Programming Opportunities
- a. ACPD ad has been created and will be included in the Fountain Pen summer edition
 - b. Jenni Worsham is working on including more pictures on the website, as requested at the last meeting.
 - c. **Summerfest** will take place June 15-18 at the Sports Park, Amuse for Autism will have a booth again.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS-

- A. Bob Paul voiced concerns regarding the crosswalk button at the intersection of Slater and San Mateo, as he noticed that the “talking crosswalks” did not identify the street and questioned whether there is a standard.
- B. Bob Paul also discussed the construction project at the intersection of San Mateo and Slater and his concern for continued access to a nearby shopping center.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS / ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- A. Mayor Kim Constantine Updates-
 - Crawfish Festival taking place at the FV Recreation Park May 19th-May 21st.
 - 405 Update- Brookhurst and Ward schedule to re-open late May, early June. Warner bridge will open in June after Brookhurst and Ward. Newland bridge will open after July.
 - Protected left turn signals now located at: Magnolia and Slater, Bushard and Ellis, Ward and Ellis, Euclid and Ellis, Brookhurst and Heil, Harbor and Lilac, and Los Jardines West and Warner.
- B. Committee Member Herman Ajamian stated that he had witnessed multiple examples of people not able to cross the street in the time provided, especially Ellis between Ward and Brookhurst, and suggested the time is lengthened to increase safety.
- C. Committee Member Jerry Supernaw suggests for the next dance an email be sent out to all the committee members 10 days before the dance to notify the committee of what they need such as raffle prizes and gift cards. Also, a reminder 5 days before.
- D. Committee Chair John Borack introduced the idea of a Committee logo that would incorporate the essence of Fountain Valley, and set the Committee apart and promote the mission. With this logo, the committee could create various merchandise with the proceeds benefiting the UAP and/or the dances.
- E. Committee Chair John Borack mentioned the importance of recognizing special education teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week. He suggested exploring the possibility of introducing separate awards to honor the exceptional work of special education teachers in the upcoming year.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Chair Borack adjourned the meeting at 7:34PM.

Minutes Submitted by Natalie Nunez, Recreation Leader.