

**City of Fountain Valley**  
**Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 7, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Borack called the regular meeting for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to order at 6:03PM.

**2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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

Members Absent: Herman Ajamian and Phil Nisco

Staff Present: Jenni Worsham, Community Services Supervisor  
Natalie Nunez, Recreation Leader

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Kim Constantine

Public: Debra Paul and Bob Paul

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2023 MEETING**

Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 4, 2023 brought 1<sup>st</sup> by Committee Member, Len Santoro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committee Member, Jerry Supernaw. Kayla Borack and Nora Webb abstained. Motion approved 11-0.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Awards Program - John Borack

- a. Review of nominations (9) - Committee Members will vote for the nominee to receive either a certificate of appreciation or an award:
  - i. Living Waters Christian Fellowship - 6 out of 11 votes for award
  - ii. Jenni Worsham - City employees do not qualify for nominations
  - iii. Efron Grospe - 8 out of 11 votes for award
  - iv. Saigon Grand Center- 7 out of 11 votes for certificate of appreciation
  - v. First Class Pizza FV (Mike & Tyler) - 7 out of 11 Votes for certificate of appreciation
  - vi. Brian Karr, Christie Araiza and Jake Hopkins - City employees do not qualify for nominations
  - vii. 9 Round Fitness FV - 9 out of 11 votes for award
- b. Motion to approve awards for nominees brought 1<sup>st</sup> by Committee Member Jan Werts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Committee Member Nora Webb. Motion approved 11-0.

- B. Universally Accessible Playground Update- Jenni Worsham
  - a. City of FV received \$1 million from Assemblymen Tri Ta through the CA State Budget, another \$500,000 pending through Representative Michelle Steel
  - b. Ground breaking ceremony will be hosted either 10/4 or 10/5 at 10am the current playground (pending Michelle Steels availably) and invite & encourage all members of the Committee to attend
  - c. Construction is planned to begin shortly thereafter the groundbreaking, with the equipment expected onsite in November. Project should be complete in Feb-March 2024
  - d. Sponsorship packets available
- C. Spotlight Series- Social Media Campaign | Quarterly in months of January, April, July, October
  - a. October - Mother of one of the guests that attend the dances. John Borack will have further information by the next meeting.
  - b. Future Recommendations for 2024 - Brittany Bas from Amuse 4 Autism as she always promotes awareness of elopement and autism in the community. Committee Member Kayla Borack will reach out to her.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Committee Logo  
Chair John Borack is working on creation of the logo. Community Services Manager Jenni Worsham will inquire as to whether the Committee can have their own logo and specifics of use with the City Seal.
- B. New Special Education Teacher Award  
Chair John Borack suggests recognizing the exceptional efforts of special education teachers in the FV School District. These teachers would be selected by either the district or their peers, and it would be a way to honor their dedication and commitment. Additionally, it would be wonderful to extend this recognition to outstanding students and support staff who go above and beyond in supporting individuals with special needs. To facilitate this process, a subcommittee could be formed to assist in identifying and honoring these deserving professionals.
- C. Dances
  - a. Update on June 2 dance | Luau Theme - Successful, with approximately 100 guests in attendance
  - b. Dances
    - Next Dance Date - Friday, October 6, Halloween Theme. Costume Contest will take place. Committee Member Kayla Borack will DJ. Committee would like three prizes for costume contest - \$15 Target gift cards
    - December Dance - theme & photographer: Theme will be winter and Committee Member Jerry Supernaw will reach out to the photographer.

D. City Updates

- a. Original Lobster Festival – Sept 8-10 at Sports Park / [originallobsterfestival.com](http://originallobsterfestival.com)
  - Ticket required for entrance – Friday \$5, Sat or Sun \$13, VIP available
  - Food, drinks, carnival rides and games
- b. September is National Senior Center Month – visit the Center!
- c. Free Compost giveaway event on Sept 16, 8:00am - 10:30am at the FV Sports Park

E. Other Recreational Programming Opportunities

Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5K & Color Fun Run – Sept 30, 8am & 9am starts

6. **Public Comments-** No Comments.

7. **Committee Comments / Items for Future Consideration**

- A. Community Services Manager Jenni Worsham sent an email to the City's public works/engineering department, addressing all the topics discussed at the last meeting. It has been noted that the push buttons at San Mateo and Slater are of an older model that does not support the desired function. Kyle from public works department will look further and report back. Additionally, Mayor Kim Constantine is in communication with public works as well.
- B. There will be an event hosted by the Orange County Autism Foundation on Sunday, October 8 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Sports Basement. Food trucks, live music, and an opening ceremony will take place.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Chair Borack adjourned the meeting at 7:22PM.

Minutes Submitted by Natalie Nunez, Recreation Leader.

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has been tasked with:

- Assisting City departments in implementation of guidelines for accessible facilities;
- Facilitating development of recreational programs useable by persons with disabilities;
- Obtaining information concerning special recreation equipment;
- Facilitating development of barrier-free buildings and facilities within the city;
- Working with various levels of education on the development & implementation of programs to assure maximum integration for students with disabilities;
- Developing community awareness of employment potentials of persons with disabilities.

❖ **MEETING CALENDAR 2023**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of odd-numbered months)

- November 2

❖ **DANCE CALENDAR 2023**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Friday of even-numbered months)

- December 1