

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
October 15, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Ted Clark, Steve Capps, Ann Hennessey, Daisy Hughes, Joe Xavier

Members Absent: None

Staff: Christal Love-Lazard
Jim Ramsey, Risk Manager / ADA Coordinator

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Jimenez and Matthew Alves spoke regarding accessibility of parks in Elk Grove. They said they are talking to Cosumnes Services District (CSD), but they thought that perhaps the Disability Advisory Committee could offer support. They are requesting a universally accessible park with full sensory inclusion. They mentioned they have children with disabilities who attend Jesse Baker Elementary school. They stated there are over ten thousand students with disabilities with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) in Elk Grove Unified School District. They stated a universally accessible park would be great for both kids with special needs and typical kids. They stated that there are over 100 parks in Elk Grove, and while many have some accessibility features, not one is universally accessible with full sensory inclusion. To provide examples of the types of parks they would like to see in Elk Grove, they listed Haward, Santa Cruz, and Southside Park in Sacramento. Monica Jimenez left her card as well as two documents. One is called "A Higher Level of Inclusive Play - Ideas for Better Playgrounds. For all." It's many pages and at the bottom back page it says "Landscape Structures, Inc." The pictures in this document can be found at [Landscape Structures website](#). The other one is a 12 page print out (mostly pictures) from a [510 Families website](#) that seems to be an article entitled "Mia's Dream Come True: All-Abilities Playground in Hayward," dated November 11, 2024, by Jessie Fritzen.

3.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

August 2025 minutes: Ann moved to approve, Daisy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Permanent homeless shelter project update

Christal described the year-round shelter at Calvary Christian Center that is still open. She described the City's plans for a permanent year-round shelter. Christal said the survey that is out will be followed up with in person town halls where residents can learn and provide feedback. There are about 15 potential locations, and the City's consultant will narrow that down to 10 potential locations once the survey results are completed. Christal described how all the concerns of the neighbors haven't come to pass. The shelter has been fairly problem-free. It has many different forms of support to its clients, which has helped some move to permanent housing. Joe asked if it was being developed using Universal Design, and Christal stated that they've so far taken a critical eye on ensuring accessibility. Joe then asked about universal design in the programmatic elements. Christal wasn't sure but described how each client's support services are designed specifically for each client.

5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

None

6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Request planning to visit the committee to discuss planning in general and parks.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Steve Capps

STEVE CAPPS, CHAIR
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J Ramsey

PREPARED BY:
JIM RAMSEY, RISK MANAGER / ADA COORDINATOR