



MINUTES

IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

January 10, 2024

7:00 PM

William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center
4601 Walnut Avenue
Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine Sports Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on January 10, 2024, at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center, 4601 Walnut Avenue, Irvine, California; Chair Bertoni presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 19

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	CBA Spartans	Todd Tristan
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	FC Rockers	Behdad Analui
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	GPA Athletics	Alex Guenette
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Girls Softball Association*	Brian Tatro
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Knights Baseball Club	Dick Owens
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Pony Baseball*	Linda Lingao
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Ranch Little League	Jackie Watanabe
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Travel Softball*	Chris Dallas
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Liverpool FC Int'l. Academy*	Lynn Perez
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Northwood Little League*	Janet Han
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Pateadores Irvine*	Kevin Elson
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Ryan Lemmon Foundation	Guy Lemmon
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	So Cal Elite Sports, Basketball	Cary Lambeth
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Strikers FC Irvine	Don Ebert
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Zeta Sports Academy	Sica Jefferson
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Adam Go
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Joe Ferrante
VICE CHAIR:	So Cal Elite Sports, Volleyball*	Cary Lambeth
CHAIR:	Matt Leinart Flag Football*	Ryan Bertoni

Absent: 10

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	AYSO Region 213*	Doug Birozy
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Dolphins Baseball Club*	Shirley Noda-Shen
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Soccer Academy*	Frank Fortier

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Orange County Trojans Youth Football*	Adrian Dixon
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Orange County United FC	Bart Hess
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Rox Baseball	Michelle McNab
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Southern California Cricket Association Youth	Boomchi Kumar
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Southern California Youth Cricket Academy*	Shantha Suraweera
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Mariam Gelfand
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Phil Wang

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bertoni led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agenized items.

INTRODUCTIONS

Steven Stewart, Community Services Superintendent, introduced new member-at-large, Joe Ferrante, and returning member-at-large, Phil Wang, to the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee Member Owens shared updates from the last City Council meeting regarding the newly approved temporary music venue at Great Park.

- Chair Bertoni provided additional details on how the venue will be used.
- Further discussion was had amongst the committee about impacts the temporary music venue will have on Great Park sports facilities.

Joe Dillman, Public Services Manager, provided updates on scheduled maintenance in the coming months and noted Public Works will continue to work with Community Services on maintaining fields.

- Further discussion was had regarding impacts due to the temporary music venue and synthetic turf maintenance and installation at Great Park.

Superintendent Stewart then made the following announcements:

- Groups will receive updates regarding the music venue impacts.
- Hicks Canyon batting cages and playground are completed with an official opening date to be determined.
- Bill Barber Park shade structure project is almost completed.
- Las Lomas score boards are set to be updated this year.
- The Oak Creek Park meadow will be the home of a temporary dog park facility with work set to start later.
- Heritage soccer field C will be removed in the design phase.

Committee Member Lemmon noted a USC baseball camp will be taking place at Windrow Park on January 20 and 21, and USC will be playing games at Great Park this season.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Dallas, seconded by Vice Chair Lambeth, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Birozy, Noda-Shen, Fortier, Dixon, Hess, McNab, Kumar, Suraweera, Gelfand, and Wang absent) to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine Sports Committee held on October 11, 2023.

1.2 TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

ACTION:

Received and filed.

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.1 REQUEST BY SPORTS COMMITTEE MEMBER SHIRLEY NODA-SHEN FOR A DISCUSSION OF A MORATORIUM FOR NEW APPROVED LOCAL SPORTS COMMITTEE GROUPS

Discussion was had by the committee on a moratorium for new local sports committee groups. Committee Member Noda-Shen, who requested the business item be agendized, was not present.

Superintendent Stewart provided participation statistics. He mentioned the reduced use of IUSD fields and noted groups could provide donations for field improvements.

Committee Member Lemmon suggested the City of Irvine fund improvements on IUSD fields.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Moved by Chair Bertoni, seconded by Committee Member Dallas, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Birozy, Noda-Shen, Fortier, Dixon, Hess, McNab, Kumar, Suraweera, Gelfand, and Wang absent) to recommend this item be moved to the next meeting.

2.2 REQUEST BY SPORTS COMMITTEE MEMBER DICK OWENS AND CHAIR RYAN BERTONI TO UPDATE THE IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee Member Owens mentioned that current meeting dates are on the same days as City Council meetings.

After comments and discussion by various Sports Committee members, it was suggested to move the meetings to Wednesdays.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Dallas, seconded by Vice Chair Lambeth, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Birozy, Noda-Shen, Fortier, Dixon, Hess, McNab, Kumar, Suraweera, Gelfand, and Wang absent) to recommend meeting dates be moved to the second Wednesday of each quarter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Dallas, seconded by Vice Chair Lambeth, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Birozy, Noda-Shen, Fortier, Dixon, Hess, McNab, Kumar, Suraweera, Gelfand, and Wang absent) to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.



Steven Stewart
Community Services Superintendent

GINA FERRANTE
SIGNED ON BEHALF
OF STEVEN STEWART



RYAN BERTONI, CHAIR

1/10/24

DATE APPROVED