



MINUTES

IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

October 9, 2024

7:00 PM

Los Olivos Community Center

101 Alfonso

Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine Sports Committee was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on October 9, 2024, at Los Olivos Community Center, 101 Alfonso, Irvine, California; Chair Bertoni presiding.

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	AYSO Region 213*	Andy Dennis
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	CBA Spartans	Todd Tristan
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	GPA Athletics	Alex Guenette
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Inter Academy Rockers	Farzin Langeroudi
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Dolphins Baseball Club*	Chad Asada
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Pony Baseball*	J.D. Hardin
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Ranch Little League	Jackie Watanabe
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	SoCal Reds*	Lynn Perez
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Northwood Little League*	Tim Doyle
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:	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:

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Soccer Academy*	Frank Fortier
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Girls Softball Association*	Brian Tatro
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Knights Baseball Club	Dick Owens
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Travel Softball*	Chris Dallas
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Orange County Trojans Youth Football*	Adrian Dixon
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Orange County United FC	Bart Hess

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Pateadores Irvine*	Kevin Elson
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Rox Baseball	Michelle McNab
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Southern California Cricket Association Youth	Somar Bhangay
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Southern California Youth Cricket Academy*	Shantha Suraweera
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Zeta Sports Academy	Sica Jefferson
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	VACANT
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Phil Wang

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 RED HILL GYMNASIUM

Collum McLaughlin, Community Services Supervisor, presented on upcoming plans for the new Red Hill gymnasium including the building layout, the tentative opening timeline, hypothetical schedules of activities, and potential floor layouts.

- Chair Bertoni asked if parking would be charged. Steven Stewart, Community Services Superintendent, noted there were no discussions of that at this time.
- Committee Member Lemmon asked if there was an estimated timeline for determining which sports would be included as facility users.
- Committee Member Ebert noted not all flooring can be accommodated for all sports. He suggested the permanent flooring should focus on basketball, with a mobile sports court that can be placed on top to accommodate other sports.
- Chair Bertoni noted it does not make sense to have badminton specific flooring and for a sport not represented in the Sports Committee.
- Committee Member Doyle asked if there was data to justify having badminton only courts in the facility, noting it did not seem equitable to have badminton only courts when other sports must share fields for various use.

There were two public comments.

- Kinggai Chan provided background on the number of participants in the City of Irvine contracted badminton courses. He also commented that the new gym would not have been possible without the badminton community.
- Herson Go shared the need to include table tennis in the new facility, noting only a few community centers currently have spaces for that sport.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Chair Bertoni shared a new law will be in effect starting in 2026 requiring an AED and trainer onsite for all youth sports activities.

- Superintendent Stewart noted that once the state solidifies what that means, the City of Irvine will determine the approach and impacts on youth groups. He clarified it is one AED per location, not individual field.

Chair Bertoni also shared that City Council approved synthetic turf installation on soccer fields four through seven at the Great Park. He noted additional approval for synthetic turf on fields fourteen through seventeen will need to go back to City Council.

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Superintendent Stewart made the following announcements.

- While the Sports Committee voted to change the meeting days in a previous meeting, it had not been approved by the Community Services Commission yet. The vote is going to them in November for final approval.
- The Sports Committee has two open member-at-large positions. Applications are being accepted online.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Lambeth, seconded by Committee Member Hardin, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Fortier, Tatro, Owens, Dallas, Dixon, Hess, Elson, McNab, Bhangay, Suraweera, Jefferson, and Wang absent) to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine Sports Committee held on July 10, 2024.

2.2 TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

ACTION:

Receive and file.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 NEW IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Brian Hosokawa with Westside United Foundation provided background on the organization and their excitement to join the Sports Committee as a new club basketball organization.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Lambeth, seconded by Member-at-Large Go, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Fortier, Tatro, Owens, Dallas, Dixon, Hess, Elson, McNab, Bhangay, Suraweera, Jefferson, and Wang absent) to approve Westside United Foundation as a new Irvine Sports Committee member.

3.2 ELECTION OF IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Selection of Chair: Chair Bertoni opened the call for nominations for the position of Chair of the Irvine Sports Committee.

Vice Chair Lambeth nominated Chair Bertoni to serve as Chair.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Lambeth, seconded by Chair Bertoni, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Fortier, Tatro, Owens, Dallas, Dixon, Hess, Elson, McNab, Bhangay, Suraweera, Jefferson, and Wang absent) to approve Chair Bertoni as Chair of the Irvine Sports Committee.

Selection of Vice Chair: Chair Bertoni opened the call for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Irvine Sports Committee.

Vice Chair Lambeth nominated Committee Member Doyle to serve as the new Vice Chair.

ACTION: Moved by Chair Bertoni, seconded by Vice Chair Lambeth, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Fortier, Tatro, Owens, Dallas, Dixon, Hess, Elson, McNab, Bhangay, Suraweera, Jefferson, and Wang absent) to approve Committee Member Doyle as Vice Chair of the Irvine Sports Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Lambeth, seconded by Committee Member Hardin, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Fortier, Tatro, Owens, Dallas, Dixon, Hess, Elson, McNab, Bhangay, Suraweera, Jefferson, and Wang absent) to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



RYAN BERTONI, CHAIR



STEVEN STEWART
COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT

Date Approved: 4/9/2025