

**YOUTH SPORTS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, California, CA 91711

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ballesteros called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ballesteros called on Committee Member Beacham to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

JENNY BALLESTEROS, CLAREMONT LITTLE LEAGUE; BOBBY ANTILLON, CLAREMONT GIRLS FASTPITCH; ALAN BEACHAM, AYSO; BRIAN DORMAN, FOOTHILL STORM; CHRISTOPHER HOPPER, CLAREMONT YOUTH BASKETBALL; VERONICA SANCHEZ, U.S. YOUTH VOLLEYBALL; KELLY TERRELL, CLAREMONT STARS; ALLEN WEBSTER, WESTERN CHRISTIAN.

ABSENT

MARK BATRES, CLAREMONT RUNNING TEAM.

ALSO PRESENT

JOSH CORONA, PROGRAM SPECIALIST; CARI DILLMAN, COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER; ERIC EY, HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER; RUSS BINDER, COMMUNITY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONER.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation and Human Services Manager Eric Ey recognized Chair Ballesteros for her service to the Youth Sports Committee, as this will be her last meeting. Several Committee members expressed their appreciation for her service. Chair Ballesteros spoke about her experience with youth sports and the importance of youth sports for the community.

Manager Ey also introduced Program Specialist Josh Corona who had been appointed to Program Specialist since the Committee last met. Manager Ey explained Program Specialist Corona's role in assisting with athletic field reservations and other sports-related programming. The Committee welcomed Program Specialist Corona to his new role.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ballesteros invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Ballesteros invited public comment for the items on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

1. Youth Sports Committee Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024
Approved and filed the Youth Sports Committee Meeting Minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting.
2. Youth Athletic Self-Imposed Improvement Fund Balance
Approved and filed the Youth Athletic Self-Imposed Improvement Fund Balance report.
3. Light Usage Report
Approved and filed the Youth Sports Committee Light Usage report.

Committee Member Dorman moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Committee Member Beacham, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: **Committee Member** – Antillon, Ballesteros, Beacham, Dorman, Hopper, Sanchez, Terrell, Webster
NOES: **Committee Member** - None
ABSENT: **Committee Member** – Batres

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Committee Procedures, Policies, and Role

Manager Ey introduced himself to the Committee and provided an overview of the Youth Sports Committee's role as an advisory body to the Community and Human Services Commission, the Committee's mission statement, and typical meeting format as well as Committee Member's responsibilities as appointed officials. Mr. Ey also distributed and reviewed the Youth Sports Committee Policies and Procedures; Field Use Regulations; Field Allocation Policy; Opening Day, Special Event, and Tournament Policy; and Code of Ethics.

Committee Member Terrell inquired if the purchase of AED units would be a permissible use of the Youth Sports Committee Self-Imposed User Fee. Manager Ey responded that if it was located at a facility, this would be permissible. Manager Ey indicated further discussion of AEDs could be added to a future Committee agenda.

Chair Ballesteros inquired about the requirements for obtaining a permit for tournaments and expressed concern about the requirements. Mr. Ey clarified the requirements as outlined in the Opening Day, Special Event, and Tournament Policy.

Committee Member Hopper inquired about using the Youth Sports Committee Self-Imposed User Fund to improve CUSD facilities. Manager Ey stated that would be possible with the approval of the Committee in coordination with CUSD staff.

Chair Ballesteros invited public comment on Item #4.

There were no requests to speak.

Community Services Manager Cari Dillman clarified permitting requirements for events.

Commissioner Binder inquired if the permitting process was too difficult. Committee Member Ballesteros responded that Claremont Little League's concerns focused primarily on cost rather than the permit process. Manager Ey clarified the special events fee schedule.

The report was received and filed.

5. Athletic Facilities Updates

Chair Ballesteros invited staff to provide the report.

Felipe Delvasto, Senior Coordinator of Alternative Education and Project Management for CUSD informed the Committee that Claremont High School's softball field has been completed and improvements, such as laser leveling, were made at Joat Park softball fields. He also informed the Committee that CUSD pays for water and maintenance costs at Joat Park. Senior Coordinator Delvasto also informed the Committee about a hydroseeding project in progress at Vista Elementary.

Chair Ballesteros invited questions from the Committee.

Commissioner Binder inquired about gopher eradication efforts.

Manager Dillman provided an update on City-owned athletic fields. Manager Dillman reported that the Arbor Day at Padua Park was successful and that staff used fill dirt to level low spots on the field after the event. Manager Dillman also reported that fields were aerated during the month of April. Additionally, Manager Dillman informed the Committee that City contractors continue to work on gopher eradication and was evaluating additional pest control options.

Commissioner Binder inquired about improvements to La Puerta Sports Park that were slated to be made by the developer of the homes adjacent to the park. Manager Dillman informed Commissioner Binder that those plans were part of a previous proposal and no longer planned.

Committee Member Dorman inquired about Excel's contractual obligation to fill tunnels and low areas caused by gophers. Manager Dillman stated she would follow up with the contractor.

Manager Ey reported that the developer of the former La Puerta School site will be installing a sewer line along the southern edge of La Puerta Sports Park fields. He stated the City is working to coordinate the project so that there was minimal impact to field users. He also stated that the field would be returned to playable condition after the project was complete and that there will be no manhole covers on the field.

Chair Ballesteros invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

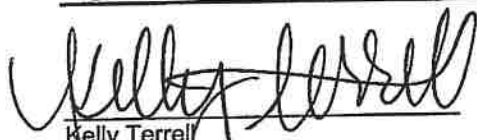
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REPORTS

- A. Russ Binder, Community and Human Services Commission liaison, reported that the Commission had met several times since the Committee last met. He expressed his enthusiasm that the Committee was able to make quorum and looks forward to bringing more updates from the Commission in the future.
- B. Eric Ey, Recreation and Human Services Manager reported on upcoming events, including the annual 4th of July Celebration. Manager Ey informed the Committee that fireworks show tickets will be available online for the first time.
- C. Committee Member Beachman indicated this would be his last meeting with the Youth Sports Committee as he would be stepping down as AYSO Commissioner in January of 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ballesteros adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM. The next meeting of the Youth Sports Committee will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Santa Fe Room at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, Claremont, CA 91711.


Kelly Terrell
Committee Member

ATTEST:


Eric Ey
Recording Secretary