



MINUTES OF THE CITY-SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

SCUSD – Board Room
1889 Lawrence Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95051
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 7:30 AM

Santa Clara Unified Present:

Michele Ryan, Board Member, Chairman
Stella M. Kemp, Superintendent
Andrew Lucia, SCUSD Assistant Superintendent School Support
Michal Healy, Director of Facilities Development Planning
Andy Ratermann, SCUSD Board of Trustee

City Members Present:

Lisa M. Gillmor, Mayor
Kathy Watanabe, Councilmember
Debi Davis, Councilmember
Cynthia Bojorquez, Assistant City Manager
Manuel Pineda, Assistant City Manager
Dan Winter, Assistant Police Chief
Andrew Crabtree, Director of Community Development
James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Michele Ryan at 7:40 AM.

2. Public Presentation

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes made by SCUSD Board Member, Andrew Ratermann, seconded by City Council Member, Kathy Watanabe. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Agnews Schools Update

Michal Healy, SCUSD Facility Development Planning Director, gave an update regarding progress on the Agnews schools. She explained that the permits to move forward are coming along with the City of San Jose and mentioned that the buildings are taking shape. Michal encouraged the group to take a drive by to see the progress. She informed the committee that the Board, because of construction delays, made the decision to delay the opening of the elementary and middle schools until August 2021. The high school is slated to open in 2022.

5. Safety

Andrew Lucia, Assistant Superintendent for School Support, mentioned that SCUSD has a contract with ICS4Schools and has already trained 25 of 27 schools for a natural disaster emergency. Staff has been trained to break into groups such as search and rescue. The district plans to conduct a districtwide test of its safety measures on May 20.

Superintendent Kemp talked about safety with regard to student and pedestrian traffic. She mentioned the recent accident that occurred on El Camino Real, in Sunnyvale, near Peterson Middle School. She explained that the district is working with the City of Sunnyvale and CalTrans to install a “count-down clock” at the traffic light/crosswalk. She thanked Santa Clara city staff for the crossing guards that the city provides to Santa Clara Unified. Other suggestions for safety include possibly installing embedded lights in the pavement and/or hawk lights.

Mayor Gillmor mentioned that the Principal of Washington Open voiced a concern to her regarding the safety of students crossing Washington Street. Santa Clara City staff are looking into this issue.

6. Land Development Update

The Director of Community Development, Andrew Crabtree, gave the committee an update regarding upcoming projects and new applications to the City. He mentioned developments/projects at Patrick Henry, Tasman East, Monroe, Keystone, Lafayette and office buildings on Bowers. He indicated applications have steadily increased. He also informed the group that the building code adoptions will go into effect on January 3.

7. Parks, Playgrounds, & Rehabilitation Projects Update

Jim Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation, mentioned that the new playground at Bowers Park opened last month. He indicated that construction bids are coming in much higher than previous bids. Construction will be moving forward with the dog park located at Reed and Grant. The City hopes to open the dog park in March.

The City is developing a Parks and Use Fees Plan, which will include parks that need improvements and rehabilitation

Michal Healy, SCUSD Director of Facility Development and Planning mentioned that Santa Clara Unified is planning to redo the fields at both high schools from April through December 2020. The district will be utilizing Cabrillo and Washington Park to host the high school teams for practices. Santa Clara High School will host football games at their stadium for both high schools while construction is going on.

8. Meeting Time Schedule

Superintendent Kemp proposed that we keep the meeting schedule as it is, but suggested the meeting time is changed to 11:45 am - 12:45 pm rather than at 7:30 am. This change is being suggested because many times the City Council meeting runs very late into the evening and council members have to attend this meeting so early in the morning. Cynthia Bojorquez, Assistant City Manager, will check the availability of Council Chambers for the next meeting scheduled for February 5 and get back to everyone.

9. Other

Council member Debi Davis mentioned that the City funded a pilot program with Healthier Kids over the past three years and the current contract is ready to expire this month. This program covers hearing and vision screening and the City wants SCUSD to take it over since most of the students screened are from Santa Clara Unified. Council member Davis will send the renewal contract to SCUSD and asked they be involved in the discussion with Healthier Kids to allow for a smooth transition.

The Shop with a Cop program is happening this Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 am at Target.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 am. The next meeting will be hosted by the City of Santa Clara on February 5, 2020