



17575 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

15600 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

Meeting Location:	Committee Member	Steve Tate
City of Morgan Hill	Committee Member	Larry Carr
Development Services Center	Committee Member	Rich Constantine (Alternate)
17575 Peak Ave	Committee Member	Don Moody
Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Committee Member	Ron Woolf
	Committee Member	Shellé Thomas (Alternate)
	Staff	Steve Rymer
	Staff	Steve Betando

**CITY /SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014
MINUTES**

Mayor Tate convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Steve Tate, Council Member Larry Carr, Trustee Shellé Thomas, President Don Moody, Superintendent Steve Betando, City Manager Steve Rymer, Police Chief David Swing, Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Perez, Community Director Andrew Crabtree, Senior Planner John Baty, and Angie Garcia (note taking)

Audience member: Ann Horner, Candidate for Board of Education

1. Information / Discussion Items

1) **City of Morgan Hill updates**

a) **General Plan**

Andrew Crabtree reported on the General Plan starting with the three alternatives developed last fall/winter. They were analyzed by consultants and received a report that gives different alternatives and explains their differences. This will be discussed in October with the City Council and Planning Commission in a workshop. They are looking at summer of 2016 for City Council adoption of the General Plan. Mayor Tate pointed out that the final plan does not need to be one of the three options. We have a number of privately initiated general plan amendments. We need to try to finish these by December. If there is a recommended plan, it could get incorporated into the plan.

Superintendent Betando spoke about the district's demographic study and what the study can provide for the plan. He appreciates the conversation and engagement with staff.

Trustee Shelle' Thomas touched on the demographic study and residential development and the impacts it has on particular school sites. She is glad that it will be incorporated into the GPAC. It's how the district builds its capacity; it is critical for the district to be part of the GPAC as it moves forward.

City Manager Rymer asked how the city can help the school district in the general plan.

Superintendent Betando asked that the school district and city be in constant communication.

Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Perez added that the most impacted schools are Paradise Valley Elementary and Jackson Academy for Math and Music.

d) Community Drought Response

City Manager Rymer informed the group that there has been a strong response to the drought.

c) Downtown

City Manager Rymer provided a brief update on the Monterey Road lane reduction study and the downtown parking structure. Ground breaking is expected first quarter of 2015.

b) South East Quadrant

Andrew Crabtree provided a description of the multiple aspects of the General Plan, including a city-wide agricultural preservation program, a high school site, sports, recreation, leisure uses, and housing. The Planning Commission has finalized its recommendations on the General Plan and is ready to make a recommendation to the City Council sometime before December.

Chief Swing reported on the school resource officer activity. The city has seen an increase in homelessness and homelessness issues. They are working with community service agencies and others to provide assistance. The law enforcement community is looking at a public safety academy.

2) School District updates

a. Current enrollment

Superintendent Betando is pleased that enrollment remains strong. The district hired over 100 new employees for the school year due to an equity adjustment at secondary schools, pulling teachers out of classrooms to help mentor other teachers, and class-size reduction to 24 students per teacher in grades transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade.

City Manager Rymer thanked the district for supporting the city's transfer of RDA Successor Agency properties to the city for purposes of downtown development.

Assistant Superintendent Perez reported approximately \$15 million in school facility

improvements over the course of the summer. Martin Murphy Middle School innovation space is now a tech demo site for the region. Every site was touched with facilities improvements. The new football field with artificial turf at Live Oak is also very exciting.

President Moody mentioned that the district will be moving the Community Adult School back to the Monterey Road location where it was previously.

b. Student demographics study

The district presented a demographic study recently presented to the Board of Education, including issues of school site and program capacity. The district has taken back special education classes from the county to serve students within the district. The proportion of special education students is also growing with private schools and charter schools not providing these programs for students. Special education programs require a smaller class size.

3) Joint City Council / School Board Meeting

Mayor Tate spoke about the annual joint meeting of the City Council and Board of Education. A date will be scheduled after the November election, possibly looking at February 2015.

Committee members expressed interest in holding a future City/School Liaison Committee meeting at a school site with a tour to view some of the new programs and facilities improvements.

2. Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of June 12, 2014

Motion: S Thomas / Second: L Carr / Ayes: Unanimous

3. Topics for next meeting

None

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Morgan Hill Unified School District.

ADJOURNMENT – *the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.*

Future Meetings: (all meetings start at 8:30 a.m.)

Friday, October 24, 2014 (MHUSD)

Friday, April 24, 2015 (City)

Friday, December 19, 2014 (City)

Friday, June 26, 2015 (District)

Friday, February 27, 2015 (District)