



17575 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

15600 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

Meeting Location:	Committee Member	Steve Tate
Morgan Hill Unified School District	Committee Member	Larry Carr
Superintendent's Conf. Room	Committee Member	Rich Constantine (Alternate)
15600 Concord Circle	Committee Member	Bob Benevento
Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Committee Member	Ron Woolf
	Committee Member	Donna Ruebusch (Alternate)
	Staff	Steve Rymer
	Staff	Steve Betando

CITY /SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, August 28, 2015
MINUTES

President Benevento called the meeting to order at 8:37am

Present: Mayor Steve Tate, Council Member Larry Carr, City Manager Steve Rymer, Captain Shane Palsgrove, City Staff Andrew Crabtree, Trustee Benevento, Trustee Ron Woolf, Superintendent Steve Betando, Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Perez, Director Anessa Espinosa, Director Casino Fajardo, and Jayne Giangreco (note taking).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

1. Information / Discussion Items

1) City of Morgan Hill updates

a) Police Update

Shane Palsgrove reported that the start of school has gone smoothly, only 3 minor fights within the first 5 days. The parent project starting up any referrals will be taken by Jeff Brandon. MHPD has met with most of the schools regarding the Run Hide Defend program, Jeff Brandon (SRO) has attended an SRO class this summer and will be taking this information back to the sites. Steve Betando commented that he appreciates the police presence at the sites on the first day of school helping to make the first day a positive experience for all.

b) Rail Safety

Steve Rymer reported the Council has asked for an update regarding Rail Safety. The main reason why is there is a potential of trains running 5 days per week that will be transporting crude oil traveling right through Morgan Hill and Gilroy. The Fire Chief of Santa Clara County is very active with possibility and is working with County to understand what this could mean and to make sure we have safeguards in place and a response plan if something should happen. If anything should happen, it would be larger than our Police and Fire Departments, it would be region wide. The second point is the City is looking into "quiet crossings" through downtown, this can't be done with just policy – we must have structure in place. The key crossings are Main Street and Dunne Avenues. Anessa Espinosa asked about pedestrian crossing. The City has nothing in place or planned at this time. The City is advocating for elevated road crossing, if the high rail does come through town. Kirsten Perez is concerned about safe walking distances and pathways for students. This is something we will need to look into if the Rail Way is passed.

2) School District updates

a) MHUSD Facility Update

Casino Fajardo reported on the facility improvements that have taken place over the summer. Every school has been touched, either with remodeling or with improvement. The Britton project is our largest and we are moving ahead, we have our architect, we still need to do a needs assessment and community meetings. Community meetings will start probably within the next 4 months. We will keep the City informed of the meeting dates. We are looking into including our 6th graders at the middle schools, potentially this school may have 6th, 7th and 8th starting with the 2016-17 school year.

Steve Betando reported that the District has had informal conversations with Specialized, they have interest in our building and we have interest in moving downtown. We will be submitting a letter of intent for the three RDA sites downtown.

Casino Fajardo also stated that we are looking into a CTE Center at the Central site on Monterey Road, we've done some master planning with Westin Miles and we are looking at some funding sources. We would like to do partnering with local businesses.

The District has met with Foothill Community Health Center to build a clinic center on the Peak side of PA Walsh. They provide school based health centers, anyone under 18 could receive free health care services (anyone over 18 will be on a sliding fee scale). They will have two medical station and one Dental station. Sports screenings will be free, anyone needing prenatal care, immunizations for school, all free. We will start at Walsh and if it's successful, possibly a second site at Britton in the future.

- b) MHUSD Enrollment Update
Enrollment numbers are about the same as they were at this time last year. We don't know what to expect when Voices opens next week. We did notice some lower numbers in Kindergarten and shifted teachers around, but we didn't need to release any teachers – we've actually hired additional. Our TK and Kindergarten classes are very full at Nordstrom and Barrett. The possibility of going to a K-5 will help with space at the sites. This is the first year that we are offering full-day Kindergarten. Also, the District has received a \$40,000 Grant to furnish and supply two new migrant classes.
- c) City Annexation and Growth Plan
The District is very anxious about growth, we are imagining additional school sites. Over all the District is looking to acquire land to either build on or trade later. It would help the District to find and acquire land now and use our dollars wisely. The entire community would benefit from building the school and then community around school. Councilman Carr mentioned that there is a shortage of large areas of open land any longer, large projects are behind us and we are working with more difficult lot shapes and ownership of properties. The question was asked if there are any plans to annex the back of the Sobrato property. The discussion would have to be between the two cities. If annexed we could extend sewage and water to the back of the site for sporting events. Mayor Tate will talk to the Mayor of San Jose.
- d) Community Engagement:
Steve Betando mentioned that the District is holding our next meeting at Live Oak HS to accommodate additional audience members. The City offered the use of the council chambers to the District for use when large attendance is expected at the Board of Education meetings.
- 3) Joint City Council / School Board Meeting:
Staff will continue to coordinate a date.
- 4) Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of April 24, 2015
With a motion by Mayor Tate and seconded by Trustee Ron Woolf approving the April 24, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am

Future Meetings: (all meetings start at 8:30 a.m.)
Friday, February 19, 2016 (District)
Friday, April 22, 2016 (City)
Friday, June 17, 2016 (District)