



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
Grand Conference Room	Committee Member	Rich Constantine (Alternate)
17575 Peak Avenue	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, DECEMBER 18, 2015
MINUTES**

Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 8:35am

Present: Mayor Steve Tate, Council Member Larry Carr, City Manager Steve Rymer, Captain Shane Palsgrove, Community Development Director Andrew Crabtree, Public Works Director Karl Bjarke, Community Services Director Chris Ghione, Trustee Benevento, Trustee Ron Woolf, Superintendent Steve Betando, Director Anessa Espinosa, Director Casino Fajardo, and Michelle Wilson (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) General Plan Update/Residential Development Control System Discussion
Andrew Crabtree shared that the City is in the final stretch of the General Plan Update. It will go to the City Council for approval in August 2016 and there is a lot to do in the upcoming months.

Council Member Carr emphasized that as the City goes through the General Plan Update an important part of the discussion is the proposed population and he expressed that the proposed number is a cap not a goal.

Steve Betando spoke to the importance of locations for new schools and looking at how to set aside an ideal location for a new school to allow for the school to grow with the development rather than being built after the development is complete. The goal is really to have the schools in the neighborhoods where people live.

Andrew Crabtree shared that through the City's RDCS process, one goal was to ensure that the schools were a priority through the process and to encourage developers to provide enhancements to schools. As the City moves towards a final land use plan, they continue to be cognoscente of how the schools fit into the plan.

Anessa Espinosa shared that the District is working on a demographics survey that will be coming forward in the early part of next year.

b) Police Update

Shane Palsgrove reported that there have been a few marijuana incidents and a couple fights but no major incidents or gang issues at the schools. The School Resources Officer (SRO) has been very busy working with the schools. The SRO has gone to all of the schools in the district with the exception of Paradise School, which is scheduled and provided run, hide and defend active shooter trainings. As well as going to Britton and Martin Murphy schools and providing cyber safety training. Shane shared that the Police Department is participating in the Restorative Justice Program through the County. In short, when a juvenile commits a crime, they will be put back into their community to do community services rather than probation. The SRO has also participated in home comings, the Parent Project, and the El Toro Bowl. The next Parent Project will start on February 8, 2016. It is a twelve week program and they are looking for referrals to the program. The families that fit best in that program are those that are dealing with drugs, alcohol, truancy, runaways, gangs, violence or failing grades. He concluded by sharing that the Police Officers Association recently held the Shop with a Cop program and it was a big success.

2) School District updates

a) Development of Borello school fields and play equipment

Casino Fajardo shared that the Board just approved the architect for the Borello School Site project through a design review process. The project is moving forward as quickly as possible. They have some very stringent timelines and are hitting the ground running. The initial complete date is 2018.

Steve Betando explained that State recommended minimum for a school site is ten acres and that the District is looking into alternatives. Ideally they would like for the playground and field area to be also be used for afterschool and community programs to maximize the use of the space.

Steve Rymer shared that the City may be able to participate by contributing dollars towards the development of that capital area so that the space can be used for the schools and the community. He also spoke to the need to explore the transportation routes and parking around the facility. The City would be happy to sit down and look at ways to participate and contribute.

Anessa Espinosa stated that when the District meets with the Home Owners Associations around the school site, they will invite City staff to learn what the concerns are.

Steve Betando shared that one of the most difficult challenges the district faces are boundary changes. With this project it would be ideal to address the boundary issues through a build up option. It aligns with the budget and get the project built within the timeline.

b) Water Rate Exemption

Steve Rymer explained where the City is at in the Proposition 218 Water Rate process and shared that the Public Hearing will take place on January 20, 2016. Morgan Hill as a community has excelled in water conservation, leading the state in the conservation efforts but what that has meant from our systems standpoint is that we are seeing significantly lower revenues. The way that it is designed today is that the cost is 50/50. Fifty percent of the bill will be based on a fixed cost and fifty percent of the bill will be based on consumption for every single customer. He shared that for the District, the fixed cost portion of the bill will go up slightly and the direct use cost will go down slightly. He shared that the Wastewater fund is healthy and the City Council approved not increasing the wastewater rates in the upcoming year.

c) Traffic Needs and Solutions

Casino Fajardo shared that he has been working with Police Officer Troy Hoefling regarding the traffic concerns and issues around the schools. The biggest issue is with the traffic around Nordstrom School on Dunne Avenue. It is a combination of the school drop off with parents entering the school off of Dunne Avenue and re-entering Dunne Avenue and the commuter traffic. The District is exploring building a side road for student drop off that would alleviate some of the traffic issues and working with the City to create some long term solutions. He spoke to the design for the Britton School updates and shared that they have designed a new bus drop off that would be separate from the parent drop off for the students that will reduce the impacts to traffic surrounding the school.

d) Update on Corp Yard Move

Anessa Espinosa shared that the District is still looking for an affordable property for the new Corp Yard. They are working to negotiate to extend the current lease for the next couple of years.

Karl Bjarke spoke regarding the joint space planning study that the City is working on. He shared that the City has created a draft RFP and reached out to consultants that do this kind of space planning and they are working to get that out as soon as possible. The Request for Proposals should be ready in early to mid January and is anticipated to cost around \$100,000. The study could take five or six months.

Larry Carr shared that the location of the Corp Yard has been an issue for a very long time and with the ways that the City and District have changed over the years the current site is really doesn't work as a bus yard anymore.

e) Trustee Emails

Steve Betando expressed that the Trustee emails is a current and real issue for the community. There are a lot of lessons learned from this experience and this should not reflect what the Board is about, it does not reflect the District or the Board, it was the action of one person. The leadership of the District, as well as teachers and community have come out to state that the actions should not and do not reflect upon them and shared their outrage for those individual behaviors.

Donne Ruebusch shared that in the last year all Board members have participated in four thorough trainings on ethics. She shared that it is important for the community to understand that all board members were trained on ethics, board policy, and sexual harassment policies. The Board is very fortunate to have several candidates that have come forward for the appointment of the vacant seat.

Steve Betando spoke to the current vacancy on the Board and shared that the Board is in a deadlock as to who to appoint and chose not to hold a special election. Their deadline to call a special election or appoint someone is December 29, 2015 and if neither happens by then, the County will have to call an election in June 2016. He continued that he thanks all of those in the community and the District staff for the hard work and shared that the moral throughout the District is high and the priorities continue to be on the students. The District has a new position in communications that has been filled by Kimberly Beare.

3) Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of August 28, 2015

On a motion by Bob Benevento and seconded by Larry Carr approving the August 28, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Information on the Districts need for 6 or 7 more schools in Morgan Hill.

Borello and Britton School Site updates

Corp Yard update

Water Conservation for School facilities

Teacher Housing or Below Market Rate Housing for teachers

2016 City/School Liaison Schedule

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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)