



17575 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

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<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Committee Member	Steve Tate
<b>City of Morgan Hill</b>	Committee Member	Larry Carr
<b>Grand Conference Room</b>	Committee Member	Rich Constantine (Alternate)
<b>17575 Peak Avenue</b>	Committee Member	Bob Benevento
<b>Morgan Hill, CA 95037</b>	Committee Member	Ron Woolf
	Committee Member	Donna Ruebusch (Alternate)
	Staff	Steve Rymer
	Staff	Steve Betando

**CITY /SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

Present: Mayor Steve Tate, Council Member Larry Carr, City Manager Steve Rymer, Police Captain Shane Palsgrove, Trustee Bob Benevento, Trustee Ron Woolf, Superintendent Steve Betando, Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Perez, Communications Coordinator Kimberly Beare, and Director of Construction and Modernization Casino Fajardo, and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Wilson (note taking).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*There was no public comment*

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**1. Information Items**

**a. City of Morgan Hill**

**1. General Plan /Residential Development Control System Update**

*Steve Rymer shared that the City concluded their roughly three year General Plan Update Process on July 27<sup>th</sup> and adopted the General Plan. Through the process, the Council arrived at a population ceiling of 58,200 by 2035. The Council also approved allotments of 215 units annually which will only apply to the year they are allotted for and will not roll into future years. He shared that rather than striving to reach a certain population, the Council changed the paradigm and is working to focus on the annual allotments and avoid the spikes in building activity. The City will be asking the voters to approve the updated Residential Development Control System (RDCS) with the 215 annual allotments. The RDCS has been made simpler and less impactful*

*moving towards the future. We appreciate the participation of the various groups that participated throughout the process.*

*Steve Tate shared that they identified the unincorporated area north of Diana Avenue on the east side of the freeway for a specific plan in terms of schools, agriculture, residential etc. It is any area of interest that the City would like to work together on with the School District.*

*Steve Betando shared that the new number of allotments will help the School District with their planning. They also appreciate the specific identification of areas that will be needed for schools.*

*Larry Carr shared that he would like the specific planning for the north area of town can be kept on the City/School agenda.*

2. Police Activity Update

*Shane Palsgrove shared that the parent project will be starting up at the end of September. The Couth County Restorative Justice Program will be starting up again through central High School. It is a program to decriminalize small criminal activities. The Police Department is exploring the idea of having the School Resource Officers (SRO) teach a curriculum for an hour about driver training, teach them how to have a positive interaction with the police if they were to get pulled over, and teach them their rights as a driver. He shared that an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) press release will take place at Live Oak High School on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:37 a.m. All police cars and all schools will have AEDs in them. This was made possible through grant funds. Shane Palsgrove shared that the Police officer's Association is having a golf tournament fundraiser on September 30<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the shop with a cop program.*

**b. School District**

1. AEDs

*Discussed as a part of the Policy Activity update.*

2. School Boundary Update

*Kirsten Perez shared that they are looking at boundaries for the new elementary school at the Peet/Borello site. Initially the plan for the new school would start with the primary grades; kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> then add grades from there. She shared that the reason they are looking at only starting with the primary grades is both funding related and based on the needs of the surrounding area. They plan to stagger the project over several years because they didn't expect the site remediation costs to be as high as they are. The remediation and potential infill that is required at the site is extensive and is estimated to be around \$2 million. The costs are entirely the responsibility of the district, there is no funding at the state level for school construction projects.*

*Kirsten Perez continued and shared that they are also working on aligning the middle schools and High Schools potentially. Through that process they have received a lot of feedback including survey results from students. Initially the committee thought it would be good to have kids move together from the same elementary school, to the same middle school to the same high school. The students didn't want they, they value meeting new people and the diversity that they get by going to different schools. They are working to process how that will look. They have several options but one has not risen to the top yet. Moving forward, their goal is to have new boundaries by the end of the year to propose to the school board. They are hoping to have the parents that will have students at the new school participate in the planning.*

*Steve Betando shared that the secondary schools are all pretty full right now. The district will continue to evaluate the boundaries and the build out in 2035 to look at where they could build another high school. They also had a grade level configuration change moving the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the middle schools with the exception of Jackson School and San Martin Gwinn School. They have no plans at this time to turn any other school into a k-8. The capacity of the elementary schools wouldn't be conducive to becoming k-8 schools. The goal is to have kids in the neighborhood schools and to reduce bus routes.*

3. Safe Pathways to Schools

*Casino Fajardo shared that on October 5, 2016 the District will be participating in the National Walk and Bike to School event. They are trying to bite off a sample size starting with the schools off Main Avenue; P.A. Walsh, Britton, and El Toro. They are working to map out routes and incentivize the parents to participate, perhaps by parking at the VTA lot and walking from there. It provides fitness for the kids and takes some cars off the road.*

*Steve Rymer encouraged the district to partner with the City and mentioned that the City can help cheer the kids on.*

*Steve Betando mentioned that none of the schools have participated in past years, so when they started this year they decided to start with a few schools near the middle of town, although all of the schools are welcome to participate.*

2. **Discussion Items**

a. Collaborative Projects

1. Peet Road School/Park Site

*Steve Betando explained that offsite soil (remove it from the site) is a form of remediation, and it is one option that the Board will consider. One benefit of offsite soil is that it is faster and it's more guaranteed that you get all of the toxins out of the soil.*

*Kirsten Perez shared that they have worked with Scott Creer and Karl Bjarke regarding traffic patterns and ways to address traffic congestion. They are also meeting with Chris Ghione regarding the park planning. She shared that they are thinking about building the park first so that it is available to the residence and then moving forward with the school.*

2. Corp Yard JPA

*Steve Betando asked is we could put together a resolution to dissolve the Corporation Yard Commission.*

*Larry Carr shared that we have a formally organized Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that has set rules and are there other opportunities to use that JPA to do things together. He suggested that the JPA could be the oversight body of the City and District building a school and park together for example. The JPA has the ability to oversee bonds and other financial aspects.*

*Steve Betando shared that one perspective is that the JPA was born for a specific task. If we did want to keep a JPA we would need to expand its authority.*

*Steve Rymer suggested that both bodies could do research to see what is possible with the JPA and see if it makes sense to keep the JPA and modify it or to close it.*

3. Nordstrom Traffic Improvements

*Kirsten Perez shared they have tried to solve the traffic problems in a few ways. An idea came up to use a portion of the existing park to create a drive through that would move some of the drop off traffic on to Murphy Avenue. They have walked the site and looked at what could be done and have spoken with some of the nearby neighbors that have been impacted. They are continuing to look at ways to address the traffic issues.*

*Steve Rymer shared that Chris Ghione would like to discuss the joint use agreements for the various parks throughout the city. The second part is to look at the community access needs.*

*Casino Fajardo commented that they just received the traffic study this morning and that will go out to the City teammates today.*

b. VTA Lot

*Steve Rymer shared that the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is looking at disposing the VTA lot on Main Avenue and Hale Avenue and there is an opportunity for the VTA to work directly with the School District. There may be an opportunity for teacher housing and or public employee housing.*

*Kirsten Perez commented that they are meeting with Leslie Little and Rebecca Garcia in the next couple weeks to discuss the options.*

**3. Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of June 16, 2016.**

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

**4. Topics for next meeting**

- Safe Routes to Schools Joint Resolution
- Options for Corp Yard JPA
- High Speed Rail
- Joint meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017
- Specific plan for unincorporated area north of Diana Ave., east of the freeway

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am*

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

Friday, October 21, 2016 – School Site (TBD)

Friday, December 16, 2016 - City

Thursday, February 9, 2017 – District

Friday, April 21, 2017 - City

Thursday, June 15, 2017 - District