



17575 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

15600 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

<u>Meeting Location:</u>	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	Tom Arnett (Alternate)
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
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017
MINUTES**

President Donna Ruebusch called the meeting to order at 8:34 am

Present:

City Representatives: Mayor Steve Tate, Council Member Larry Carr, City Manager Steve Rymer, Police Chief David Swing, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Wilson (minutes)

District Representatives: President Donna Ruebusch, Trustee Ron Woolf, Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Perez, Director of Facilities Anessa Espinosa, Director of Construction and Modernization Casino Fajardo, and Communications Coordinator Kimberly Beare

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954

1. Information Items

Item 1. Information Items were discussed after Item 2. Discussion Items

a. City of Morgan Hill

i. General Plan Update

Steve Rymer shared that the General Plan Update is complete. He asked the group if they would like to keep the item on the agenda.

Larry Carr commented that he thought this item was on the agenda to discuss the area north of

Diana Avenue east of the Freeway and that he would like that to remain on the agenda so that the group can continue the discussion.

Steve Rymer stated that once the new Community Development Director Jennifer Carman starts the conversation will be able to move forward.

b. School District Update

i. Dunne Park Safe Routes

Steve Rymer shared that the City team is regrouping and looking at a couple alternatives. The City is hoping to not bifurcate the park and the school. We are trying to solve for a 10 minute window of traffic without creating any unintended consequences. We fully support the project and want to ensure that we don't push the traffic problems somewhere else.

ii. General Plan Update

Kirsten Perez shared that their team has looked at the Corporation Yard Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement and determined that the purpose of the JPA would not work for the purpose of creating a transportation yard for the District. She provided the history for the creation of the JPA and its intended purpose.

Steve Rymer suggested that it may be a good idea to amend the JPA to meet both agencies current needs.

2. Discussion Items

Item 2. Discussion Items was reviewed prior to Item 1. Information Items

i. Restorative Justice Program

David Swing shared that Officer Jeff Brandon attended the MHUSD Board meeting on February 7, 2017 to talk about the Restorative Justice Program. The program has been met with a welcoming and positive response. The program is designed to bring an offender and victim together to resolve the issue and restore the relationship. David shared that when kids get in trouble and can go through the program, it keeps those kids out of the justice system.

Ron Woolf commented that he is pleased to see that the parents are involved and that the problem was brought out in the open.

Donna Ruebusch shared that everyone does have a voice in the situation which is empowering. The Police/Community relations are also clearly improved by the practice. She shared that even though this program isn't adopted at all schools, the District is seeing a huge reduction district wide expulsions. She is excited about the program.

David Swing shared that when kids get in trouble and the incident goes through the restorative justice program, it keeps the kid out of justice system. It is a way to direct kids away from the justice system for minor infractions; things that are better solved at the school or community level. This program is at Britton and Murphy schools; it is not at the high schools yet.

ii. **Safe Routes to School partnerships/project**

Kirsten Perez shared that the District has been looking at ways to partner with the City and the City has been willing to do so. The District continues to have some issues around the start of school and dismissals primarily at the Nordstrom campus.

Casino Fajardo shared that all the Police Department staff have been great to work with. He has also worked with Chris Ghione and Karl Bjarke to find some traffic solutions for the Nordstrom site. They are exploring a variety of options and are starting to get an MOU together. Regarding the Paradise campus, they are doing some renovations at that site. They have had good luck with the radar signs, they put the parents at ease.

Kirsten Perez commented that they have seen an increase in traffic around the Britton campus. She spoke regarding the traffic and speeding on Monterey Road. She shared that Karl Bjarke has been very helpful at adding a stop sign at Central Avenue to slow traffic down. She commented that the lights above the speed limit signs have not been working for a while, the District has been working with Karl Bjarke to get those fixed.

David Swing shared that the City is in conversations with County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health to get a grant to help the safe routes to school program. Those conversations are ongoing. The city anticipates knowing more about that in the next month or two. Gilroy has an active grant, but that grant is used more for survey and developing the base line.

Kirsten Perez shared that the District has rolled out a program that issues students RFID cards that notify the parents when their children get on and off the bus. That should help put some parents at ease about having their children ride the bus by knowing when they get to school and get home.

3. **Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of August 26, 2016.**

Motion by Ron Woolf, Second by Larry Carr to approve the minutes of August 26, 2016
Yes – unanimous

4. **Topics for next meeting**

- Recommendation for Corp Yard JPA decision
- Nordstrom Progress Update (if enough progress has been made)
- Specific Plan for area north of Diana Avenue east of the freeway – standing item
- Police Department Update – standing item

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

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

~~Friday, April 21, 2017 – City Cancelled~~

Thursday, June 15, 2017 - District