

Minutes

City / School Liaison Meeting

October 20, 2017, 8:30 AM
Morgan Hill Unified School District
15600 Concord Circle
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Board Room

Attendance Taken at 8:18 AM:

Present:

Casino Fajardo
Chris Ghione
Christina Turner
David Swing
Donna Ruebusch
Kimberly Beare
Kirsten Perez
Larry Carr
Linda Row
Shane Palsgrove
Steve Betando
Steve Tate

1. CITY OF MORGAN HILL / MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Donna Ruebusch, President Board of Education called meeting to order 8:36am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

There was no public comment

3. APPROVE MINUTES

3.1. Approve minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2017

Motion Passed: with a motion by Larry Carr and a second by Steve Tate.

Yes Steve Betando
Yes Larry Carr
Absent Rich Constantine
Yes Anessa Espinosa
Yes Casino Fajardo
Yes Kirsten Perez
Yes Donna Ruebusch
Yes Steve Tate
Yes Christina Turner
Absent Ron Woolf

4. CITY OF MORGAN HILL

4.1. Recommendations for Corp Yard JPA decision

Steve Betando mentioned that the JPA wanted to dissolve the committee and that Larry Carr suggested continuing with the JPA and possibly morphing it into another committee that could be a joint use of any sort of facility. Steve Tate mentioned keeping it as a resource. It was decided that the Liaison Committee will return to this item when Larry Carr is present (running late).

After returning to this item: Larry Carr mentioned he maintains that the JPA should not dissolve and we could work a little harder on figuring out what to do with it, including the site itself. The city has

interest in what to do with the site – to maintain and use the Corp Yard together would be a benefit to our community. Feels if the JPA dissolves and the two entities will become so separated, that this meeting would become in consequential of itself. The forming of new JPA's gets harder and harder from years past. The regulations from the State are different today from before, the authorities don't have as much of an advantage as they did back when our JPA was formed. We've talked about revenue enhancing that involves both of us and can the JPA be involved with that rather than the school district and the city? Kirsten Perez mentioned that the reason for the previous JPA was to sell bonds for the Corp Yard. Then with the issue with the fuel tank spill, we had to continue with the JPA even though it could have been dissolved since we issued and paid off all of the debt. The committee hasn't met in at least three years. Donna mentioned having the history on the JPA would be very helpful, possibly a summary. It was mentioned that the City is the owner of the property and that the District had transferred ownership. The date is not known or how. This is something that will be looked into. The City has plans to include this property into the community park.

Donna asked about how the rent paid by the District has risen so much over the years. It was mentioned that it's based on true market value of the property and the format of the lease agreement was changed to add a few additional terms that required the City to take on some of the capitol maintenance. Before the District was handling the capitol maintenance. There have been some improvements made by the City. The rent went from approximately \$50,000 to \$81,000 based on the appraisal and the lease term that was put together. By doing this, some of the maintenance responsibilities have shifted from the District to the City. Donna would like this to be included in the summary document.

Both the City and the District will work together to document the history timeline with possible options and report back at the next City / School Liaison meeting in December for a more focused discussion and possible action. Roger Knoph will be contacted to assist with the timeline.

4.2. Safe Routes to Schools

Chris Ghione reported that we've had the Safe Routes to School National Partnership that has funded a review of a potential for a Safe Routes to Schools Program for Morgan Hill. They returned with many recommendations and great ideas we could use as it relates to Safe Routes to Schools. The first recommendation was to form a Safe Routes to Schools Committee, which we have spoken of before, Casino has been working on this with us. The school district was very involved in the one-day seminar that the Safe Routes to Schools Partnership held for us. There are some things that we are already doing and have implemented and there are things that would cost a significant amount of money to implement. The biggest thing to come out of it was a formalized committee or task force that would need to be put together, primarily the school district and the city, but potentially involving other stake holders from the community as well. The city has been working on a Vision Zero Task Force – a national effort program that cities or organizations implement to reduce the injuries and deaths due to pedestrian and bicycle collisions. The Council approved the City moving forward with a Vision Zero framework, which the City has been working on, that also included the school district's input. We are hoping to finish the Vision Zero piece first and after we've incorporated all of the Safe Routes to Schools messaging information into the draft. Then we would need to form the additional task force with the city teammates and the district teammates to look at the outline from the Safe Routes to Schools and see what is realistic for us to implement.

Donna has asked if the City could give a presentation to the Board of Education when the Council has approved the plan. Possibly by January.

Steve Betando asked if the District or the City would be applying for the grant, in the past the school district has been part of the application process. Chris mentioned that possibly the VTA funding, the Per Capita funding that each city will receive directly for pedestrian, bike and safety education program. The County is saying that the City of Morgan Hill and the City of Gilroy should go in together and hire a Safe Routes to Schools coordinator for the South County – which Chris feels should be evaluated to see what makes the most sense for the amount of money. There are also competitive grants for the same piece whether it's bikeway safety or improvements.

4.3. General Plan Update - Specific for area North of Diana Avenue - East of the freeway

Previous minutes stated as soon as Jennifer Carmen returns she would come to a meeting and report out.

Donna questioned this area and Steve Tate stated, this is the idea for doing a specific plan for the area so we could work closely with LAFCO and the other environmental agencies that want to get involved. We want to do it in conjunction with the school district to see where their facilities will go so we can preserve some of the agricultural areas. Steve Betando mentioned it would be ideal to work with the land owners and the City on where the multi and single family homes will be, including biking and walking trails. Possibly connecting with the Coyote Creek trail and potentially crossing the County property.

Christina asked if there were any other specific things she could have Jennifer add to her report out in addition to what was just mentioned. Steve Betando stated maybe there is some work we could do before hand with looking at the General Plan map and talk about what would work for the amount of students this will generate and what type of school(s) will be needed. Larry Carr mentioned maybe we can use the RCDS as a tool to getting the school built, we would know how many homes, and how the allocation formula works to build the schools. Kirsten Perez stated she didn't know when the City would put out a Request for Qualifications and that the district would be interested in being part of it to see if the developer would be required to build a school. We would like to be part of the selection committee or part of writing the scopes to see if it would be a possibility of having the developer build a school. The school would be build and then the homes would come around it.

4.4. Police Department Update

David Swing reported a very good start of the school year. They are working on expanding the Traffic Stop Safety Class that was piloted last year at Live Oak for the Sophomore class, we are looking to expand to Sobrato and to additional classes at Live Oak. This class puts the student in the police officer position when he is conducting a traffic stop and shows the different perspectives between the officer and the student. We've provided Run, Hide & Defend training at PA Walsh and Britton, we are scheduled to be at Martin Murphy next week. Also just started the next Parent Project class and we have 11 parents in the program. Earlier this year we had some reported bullying issues, which have subsided. We haven't received any significant gang violence or fight calls. We've recently formed a Suicide Prevention Group in light of the ADA report, Linda Row is representing the District, we will be meeting again next Wednesday, October 25 at 9am at the Community Center to start the process of addressing suicide in our community.

5. MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

5.1. Nordstrom School / Park design

Casino Fajardo reported that he and Chris Ghione have been working a lot on this project. Casino distributed photos of the existing site and the site on the Master Plan. On November 1 we will be funded with our Series B funds from Measure G. The Board has allocated about 10 Million dollars to renovate the entire Nordstrom campus, identifying the portables to be replaced with actual classrooms and with renovations of the multi-use areas with an appropriate sized Multi-Purpose Room. We are looking at adding 14 new classrooms with possibly two stories. We've talked about doing a circulation road or bisect road that would circumvent the park with an outlet on Murphy. Kirsten Perez shared the current site plan showing a two story building at the North end of the property that would replace the portables. Eventually, the whole campus would face towards the park area. We are looking to do a design build entity like what was done with Britton. Possibly starting the building of the classrooms in 2018 and occupying in 2019. The City would like some community outreach to the families that use the park regarding the road leading from the school to Murphy. The district feels it's important to take the drop-off and pick-up of students off the major artery and moving it to the corner is not good for safety and securities. Chris Ghione added our Safety School Funding from RCDS could possibly be used in the right-away if it improves traffic flow.

5.2. Peet Road Property

Kirsten Perez briefly described the general lawsuit filed against us by A Voice for Choice, a small group from out of town, which was related to the CEQA document. We had a hearing to expedite the process through the courts so we could acquire the property. The point of contention is the remediation of the soil. Currently there are homes being built with no objection by any group. Their objection and only focus is against the school. Donna Ruebusch stated the off haul method was approved 4-3 by the Board, we will be highly monitored, working in small quadrants, outdoor monitoring of wind and the temperature, soil moisture, etc. It is contrary to have a lawsuit with a resolution that creates more dust.

5.3. Development Asset Survey Results

Linda Row spoke regarding the Development Asset Survey results and how the district uses the data. This survey is conducted every six years. This survey was taken last year from over 1,400 7th, 9th, and 11th graders. The responses from this survey are from students who are still with the district as our current 8th, 10th, and 12th graders. The survey is voluntary and unanimous. This survey measures the Developmental Assets that are defined by Project Cornerstone. This is not just a school climate survey, but also asks students how they feel about their community and how do they think their community feels about them.

There are additional modules that could be added to the survey and Linda will reach out to Nick Calubaquib from the City to see what modules will have community questions.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Prospective School Sites

Steve Betando said with the growth in the City that the District would like to work with the City to identify a site in the North West area of the City.

6.2. School Resource Officer

Shane Palsgrove reported that they applied for a Cops Grant but didn't meet the criteria due to the low crime rates in the area, although we haven't officially heard back. Donna stated this is an important fact to share with our other trustees.

6.3. Maintenance Operations Transportation Technology (MOTT)

This ties back to 4.1. Staff should get together to talk about joint needs and individual needs – we've already had this discussion, so maybe we could summarize it as part of our Corp Yard discussion.

6.4. Topics for next meeting - December 15, 2017

- *As mentioned earlier, the history and plan for the JPA.*
- *Larry Carr would like to invite Dr. Kathleen Rose to a future meeting to talk about Gavilan College as a piece to the City / Schools and to update us on Community College in Morgan Hill.*
- *Revisit Nordstrom traffic; have Jennifer Carmen come to a meeting to report out.*

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25a.m.