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AGENDA Special Meeting City of Culver City/Culver City Unified School District Liaison Committee

Monday, July 1, 2013 – 4:00 PM
Culver City Unified School District Admin. Offices
District Board Room
4034 Irving Place
Culver City, CA 90230

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Cooper

PUBLIC COMMENT

This public comment period shall have an aggregate duration of up to 20 minutes for all bodies in session. Each speaker may address the Committee (and all other bodies in session) for up to three minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine in nature and may be approved by one motion. All requests to address the Committee under these items must be filed with the Secretary before the Consent Calendar is called by the presiding officer.

- C-1. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meetings of December 20, 2012 and March 4, 2013. **Recommended motion: Approve minutes as presented.**

ACTION ITEMS

The Committee is proposed to have a discussion regarding the items listed in this portion of the Agenda. The discussion may result in the Committee directing staff to provide additional information for further discussion by the Committee at a later date and/or the Committee voting to recommend action by the full City Council and Board of Education.

- A-1. The Committee Members will have a general discussion of items of mutual interest to the City and the Culver City Unified School District. Should the Committee determine that follow-up action is needed on any item discussed at this meeting, it will be placed on a future agenda. The following items are scheduled to be discussed:
- A. Parking at or Around School Sites
 - B. Sustainability Efforts/Recycling-Reuse at School Cafeterias
 - C. School Board/City Council Election Consolidation Update
 - D. Update on Homelessness
 - E. Sharing of Construction Projects
 - F. Joint Use Agreement (Use of the Plunge and Playgrounds/Equipment)

ADJOURN

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City Council/CCUSD Liaison Committee Meeting
December 20, 2012 (4:00 PM – Patacchia Room)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Member Siever was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Cooper inquired if any Requests to Speak had been filed. Secretary Cole replied none had been filed.

ACTION ITEMS

CCUSD Representative on the Finance Advisory Committee

Committee Member Siever joined the meeting at 4:16 PM.

There was a discussion of the application process, especially for the CCUSD member. It was noted that the application period ends on January 17. However, the CCUSD member could send its applicants after the January deadline, but the earlier the better.

Community Advisory Panel to the Oil Panel

There was a discussion on the need for the CCUSD to appoint a representative to the CAP as the position is currently filled by a former CCUSD Committee Member who has not attended the meetings.

City Manager Nachbar mentioned he would provide the CAP panel requirements to the CCUSD.

Homeless Students and Services

Chair Cooper introduced Mr. Booker Pearson of Upward Bound House. Mr. Pearson provided some information on the homeless count. Difference between 6,000 person official count vs. 100,000 that may be truly homeless in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Pearson indicated: (1) he could provide the Federal definition of homeless child; (2) Homeless kids need to be connected with available services; (3) 60% of kids in foster kids are formerly homeless; and (4) \$60,000 per year for foster care vs. \$15,000 for the housing voucher with better outcomes. He offered to work with the CCUSD to identify as homeless youth to work together to provide services.

Committee Member Siever mentioned that perhaps they do not have a category for homeless. She also mentioned the applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Committee Member Silbiger mentioned if there can be a set-up a communication line between the CCUSD and the City representatives for Homeless services (Tevis Barnes). Better training for teachers and principals to see the sign of homeless youth at the schools. Superintendent LaRose mentioned how to identify and specifically quantify how someone is homeless. Committee Member Siever mentioned how do we track how they are doing academically?

Mr. Pearson mentioned the need to increase the amount of Section 8 and other housing vouchers. Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned the housing summit to be held on February 8 and the need for a continuity of care.

Food Waste Reduction/Polystyrene Trays

Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned the need to replace the polystyrene trays in the schools. Mentioned the dangers of such trays. What do we do with the waste? Reuseable trays instead. Paper trays that can be composted.

Superintendent LaRose mentioned there has been extensive study on this subject. There is a Food Tray used by Santa Monica that is being discarded. Best to find a divertable substitute. Costs are about 200% of existing tray costs. Pilot for paper trays was considered. But the pilot partner dropped out.

Chair Cooper asked how many lunches are served each day...3,200 What about reuseable trays? Is that viable? Superintendent LaRose mentioned there are no dishwashers available at the facilities.

Committee Member Silbiger asked if there would be a City partner that the City could recommend.

Committee Member Siever asked about composting. Sustainability Committees of both the CCUSD and the City could potentially work together. Environmental Programs and

Operations Manager Damian Skinner mentioned that Sony was going to zero waste and waste to energy programs. Local company proposed to do composting for the City. Perhaps can start this program by next year. Definition of compostable material and the time for degeneration of 90 days.

Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned we might be able to do carbon credit sales to help fund some of these projects and the applicability of AB 32. Don't want to trade one waste item for another. Parents may be able to fund purchase of industrial washers. Compost the food and wash the trays.

Committee Member Silbiger mentioned that he may need to follow-up and provide some options.

Mention that former Superintendent Jaffe had issued direction that the CCUSD would not use polystyrene trays and the parents would pay \$0.25 more per lunch for the replacement tray.

Option for use of digesters.

CCUSD Board Meetings in the City Council Chambers/Joint Use of Facilities

Committee Member Silbiger mentioned that it would be great if the City Council could allow the Board to use the Chambers for both meetings each month. Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned she placed the item on the agenda. And that the timing issue should be easily resolved.

CCUSD meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays. Conversation worth having. The City Council Members concurred to have the item discussed by the full City Council at an upcoming meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the football field renovation. And that March 2013 was when it may be available.

School Safety

Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned she had placed the item on the agenda. Superintendent LaRose mentioned he is working together with Chief of Police Don Pedersen and that the relationship between the CCUSD and the Police Department is very good. With the recent events, the District has been in contact with the PD. Discussion of community forum for existing state of safety at schools.

Chief Pedersen mentioned that Culver City is better prepared than most cities to respond to any threats here in Culver City.

Committee Member Siever mentioned the upcoming community forum. Superintendent LaRose mentioned that UPCC may be planning such an event. Perhaps on January

23. Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned perhaps this would be led by this group or by the City. Perhaps a joint meeting of the CCUSD and the City Council in the City Council Chambers.

Mr. Luther Henderson agreed with having a joint meeting.

City Manager Nachbar and Superintendent LaRose will work together to schedule such a forum.

Safe Routes to School Program

Update from the City Staff. City Manager Nachbar mentioned that we would provide an update to the City Council and the CCUSD Board.

Potential Parking Revenue in Downtown

Using the District Office as a parking lot for the valet services. Committee Member Silbiger mentioned that the DBA did not have interest in that use. Perhaps things have changed over the past two years. It may be worthwhile to open discussion again. Perhaps the Culver Hotel would want to use it individually?

Mr. Cary Anderson added his comments. Potential for money for the District. Perhaps metered parking on Irving. Mr. Henderson mentioned the need for the parents visiting the district may need to pay at such meters.

ADJOURN

At 5:35 PM, the Committee adjourned to its next meeting: March 4 at 4:00 PM.



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City Council/CCUSD Liaison Committee Meeting
March 4, 2013 (4:00 PM – Patacchia Room)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM. All Members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Cooper inquired if any Requests to Speak had been filed. Secretary Cole replied none had been filed.

ACTION ITEMS

A. CCUSD Food Donations to Upward Bound House – 4:20 PM

Member Sahli-Wells mentioned she added this item and there has been a discussion of this subject at the Linwood Howe School and Upward Bound. There is a need for a good food source for Upward Bound House residents. Legally and logistically, can there be a donation of some food items to Upward Bound? Possibly non-perishable goods? Ms. Julie Garcia of CCUSD provided additional information about the process. She mentioned food “share baskets” have gone to the schools very recently. Would like to have the new program operate for a period of time to see how the collection efforts are going. Fruits and vegetables are generally OK. But not milk or other perishables due to temperature variations.

Member Sahli-Wells voiced her thanks and support of this effort. In response to Member Siever, Ms. Garcia mentioned that items available for share need to be wrapped.

Member Sahli-Wells asked about next steps.

Superintendent LaRose commented about a March 20, 2013 meeting at the middle schools for Whole Child/Whole Community, a new CCUSD program. Goal of the meeting is to bring persons and businesses together and discuss details of a broader program.

Chair Cooper mentioned that this was a good idea and asked if there was a City connection with this initiative. Superintendent LaRose mentioned that the City could be part of making the community aware of this.

B. Waste Composting and Recycling at Schools – 4:33 PM

Member Sahli-Wells asked if there was any composting news. Environmental Programs and Operations Manager Damian Skinner mentioned the next City Council Sustainability Subcommittee meeting would have this as a discussion item. City staff is evaluating a second company in Montana to solicit additional information on composters from this company. Member Sahli-Wells mentioned the Culver City Schools Sustainability Group was looking at Agro-Man as an alternative. Mr. Skinner mentioned this company was more restrictive on what items they will accept.

Member Sahli-Wells mentioned this was also a sustainability issue. Superintendent LaRose mentioned El Rincon kicked off their recycling efforts about three weeks ago. In the first three weeks that school experienced a 50% reduction in trash. Member Sahli-Wells mentioned at Linwood Howe there was still some disconnect with implementing a strong recycling program. Perhaps additional training of custodians? Superintendent LaRose mentioned that the pilot program at Linwood Howe has been a great genesis of the programs at other schools. CCUSD is looking at this as a system-wide perspective. Environmental Coordinator Vargas mentioned that things are going very well at El Rincon. Superintendent LaRose mentioned that he would follow-up with the involved parent leaders at Linwood Howe.

Member Silbiger asked if there was anything else needed from the CCUSD. Ms. Vargas mentioned that the efforts between the City and the CCUSD will be coordinated with each site along with businesses city-wide.

Member Siever asked if the City is meeting with the CCUSD's sustainability committee. Ms. Vargas mentioned she is working with them.

Member Sahli-Wells mentioned about the foam trays and if there was any additional information. Ms. Garcia mentioned she is looking into the LAUSD's current programs for paper trays.

Member Siever asked if we have the equipment for composting. Mr. Skinner mentioned the City would collect the materials. As for collection bins within the facilities, that would need to be provided by the CCUSD/business. Mr. Skinner mentioned that one of the prospective vendors may be able to provide that service. Member Siever mentioned it may be helpful for the District to obtain information on equipment. Mr. Skinner

mentioned that the CCUSD may not need to have onsite equipment as one of the vendors may be able to provide that.

C. Early Learning Curve Tutoring Program – 4:49 PM

Ms. Adrienne Weis, President of Early Learning Curve Tutoring Program, addressed the Committee. She mentioned that this was the 25th Year of running an after school learning program in Beverly Hills. Mentioned that the Program's volunteers may be able to assist children before they are in crisis. This program has volunteers work with students during the entire term in the long run. Provides undivided attention. Allied with the Rotary Club in Beverly Hills. Was affiliated with the Maple Counseling Group. Program is affordable and produces results.

Member Sahli-Wells asked what the program could do in Culver City. Ms. Weis asked whom should she contact to take the next step. Member Siever asked if this was paid out of Special Education funds. Ms. Weis mentioned the cost is \$15 per session. She works with Beverly Hills PRCS Department as part of after school programs.

Chair Cooper inquired if the Program fits into an existing after school program as a component. City Manager Nachbar mentioned sounds like it is a contract with the City via the PRCS Department. Member Siever asked about how many sessions does it take to see improvement. Ms. Weis replied in some cases in two weeks you can see improvement.

Member Siever asked what does the CCUSD do? The District provides liaisons via the Assistant Principals. Member Sahli-Wells asked if there was any tutoring available via the District. Superintendent LaRose mentioned perhaps not on the one on one basis of this proposed program.

Chair Cooper asked what type of training is done for tutors? Ms. Weis mentioned that there is training once per year, especially for high school students who are tutors, there is an effort to have a back-up person. Member Sahli-Wells asked what the next steps are available. Member Silbiger mentioned perhaps the staff needed to do some additional work to review this proposal.

Member Siever asked if there are any existing programs in the District. Chair Cooper asked if this would set a precedent. 70/30 split with City of Beverly Hills. Chair Cooper suggested we see what we have and have staff do additional follow-up.

D. School Board/City Council Election Consolidation – 5:14 PM

Member Sahli-Wells mentioned potential to cut costs and increase voter turn-out. She would like to review this proposal to see if it is feasible. She mentioned that Santa Monica consolidated their elections with the General Election. Member Silbiger asked if we would do this. Member Siever liked the idea of increased turnout.

Chair Cooper voiced some concerns, including a need for a City Charter change. Perhaps costs are not the paramount issue. Separation of the elections may have some positives. Candidate forums may become confusing and there might be impacts on candidates for office.

Ms. Chabola, a member of the public, voiced her concerns about consolidation of elections including outside monies and the costs for running for election. Member Siever mentioned she'd like to see the costs and the discussions and have more information on the subject. Superintendent LaRose and City Manager Nachbar indicated they would provide additional information.

E. Redevelopment Funds

Superintendent LaRose mentioned he asked for this to be a topic of conversation. What is the role and relationship of the CCUSD and the District with regard to redevelopment funds? City Manager Nachbar provided information on this subject. Prior to dissolution of redevelopment, the City used to do the pass-through payment calculation. Now, the LA County Auditor/Controller performs that function. City Manager Nachbar mentioned the City would be happy to provide assistance to the CCUSD if needed.

ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA

The Committee Members concurred that the item "Update on Homelessness" would be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjournment to Monday, June 3, 2013 at 4:00 PM.