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*City of Davis/Davis Joint Unified School District  
2x2 Meeting*



**MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

5:45 pm

**City Hall Conference Room**

23 Russell Blvd

Davis, California

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**1. Call to Order**

*Participants: Tom Adams, Barbara Archer, Will Arnold, Brett Lee*

*Staff: John Bowes, Mike Webb, Bruce Colby, Kelly Stachowicz*

*Brett Lee called the meeting to order at 5:51 pm.*

**2. Public Comments**

*Dave Carlson, landlord: Two existing cannabis businesses in his property so wants to follow discussions. Wants to know what's going on in the schools.*

**3. Approval of the November 2017 Meeting Minutes**

*Arnold moved, with a second by Archer, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. City/District Communications**

*Bowes: District and City communicating well. Attended the Yolo County meeting on cannabis and provided them with comments similar to what District provided to the City.*

*Webb: Concur with communications.*

*Lee: Appreciate comments at Council meeting re: Cannabis Community Benefit Fund.*

*Adams: Appreciated MLK Event.*

**5. Discussion Items:**

**a) Discuss Plans for Upcoming Ballot Measures and Review Ballot Timelines**

*Webb: Council considering ballot measures for June. Parks parcel tax will expire in June. Council will need to take final action by February 6.*

*Lee and Arnold: Looking at around \$150 total commitment spread across a parcel tax and/or a utility users tax (UUT). UUT is a general tax that most other cities levy. No social services tax.*

*Arnold: one issue with UUT is whether to tax electricity in light of Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA). Council concurs on the need for some amount.*

*Adams: Looking at a number of options, including a parcel tax to address teacher compensation. Will have to make a decision later this year for wording, amount, etc. Looking to close the wage gap for Davis teachers. Also considering a school bond although some concern about competition among measures. Facilities funds can't be used for salaries.*

*Bowes: Have contracted with polling firm and will be placing calls in February.*

*Arnold: Would like to see results of parcel of tax.*

*DJUSD Parcel Tax Subcommittee: Alan Fernandes and Bob Poppenga*

*Colby: San Jose and San Francisco both have parcel taxes for salaries.*

*Adams: If additional revenues, will State put it into Local Control Funding Formula or put it in categorical funding streams?*

*Colby: PERS changing amortization schedules so likely increasing amounts that local Districts have to pay.*

*Adams: Previous polling showed that funds going for additional teacher compensation did not make the 2/3 threshold.*

*Archer: continue communication so each can speak to the others' initiatives*

**b) Timeline and Process for Cannabis Proposal Reviews and Update on Community Benefit Fund**

*Webb: Provided overview on cannabis review and approval processes. Council has approved two applications for manufacturing businesses at 2121 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Staff currently reviewing dispensary applications; Council is expected to approve up to four dispensaries, which require a Conditional Use Permit. The applications will go to Planning Commission first and then to the City Council this spring.*

*The Council has also approved a Cannabis Community Benefit Fund of 1% on retail cannabis businesses. This is in addition to sales tax, Measure C tax and regulatory fees. City is aware that District would like to leverage some of these funds. Other organization that has expressed interest in funds is First Five. Council interested in focusing energy to both organizations to start. City putting together letter for District to recommend District provide more specific information. Don't want to overestimate money that will come in as part of this fund.*

*Arnold: Council agreement that First Five and District are the only uses that the Council is really interested in.*

*Lee: Want to commit to a multi-year agreement.*

*Arnold: Will build in some sort of evaluation. First Five has to spend these dollars in Davis.*

*Adams: Need to pay attention to federal treatment of cannabis dollars to make sure that District's acceptance of money doesn't harm District.*

*Bowes: General policy is for donating from alcohol or drug needs to go through third party such as Davis Schools Foundation.*

**6. Updates:**

**a. Update on All Student Center and Grand Opening**

*Bowes: There will be a grand opening on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am. There is already heavy student utilization. The facility is a good example of a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment.*

**b. Veterans' Memorial Center Renovations/Closure**

*Stachowicz: The Vets Memorial Center will undergo renovations starting in the spring and will be closed for several months, likely through the summer.*

**7. Announcements/Comments**

*Lee: Any progress on school closure event?*

*Bowes: The District received excellent assistance from Police Department. Starting to get better information from the anonymous app, so District is keeping the app. No new leads so case is effectively closed.*

*Public Comment:*

*Dave Carlson: Colorado report says that cannabis pushes property values up. Getting people to move resets property values. People who have lived here for a long time pay less in property taxes.*

**8. Adjourn to next meeting**

*Adams will not be available in February, so staff will determine whether to hold a 2x2.*

*Meeting adjourned 6:42pm.*