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



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 5:45 pm



Note location: DJUSD Administration Building

Participants: Tom Adams, Barbara Archer, Will Arnold, Brett Lee Staff: John Bowes, Mike Webb, Bruce Colby, Kelly Stachowicz

1. Call to Order

BL – 5:49pm call to order

Members Present: Adams, Archer, Arnold, Lee Also Present: Bowes, Colby, Stachowicz, Webb

2. Public Comments

Kirk McGregor, local grantwriter – interdisciplinary approach for safety and well-being as relates to school violence. Could assist with Climate Survey that DJUSD has. Mental Health Services from State may be source of funding that could assist to provide services to assist. Need to set a good a good example to prevent school violence. Utilize international research developed by UC Davis. May follow up with emails.

3. Approval of the January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Archer moved, with a second by Arnold, approval of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. City/District Communications

Arnold noted City Council approved the placement of two public toilets for the downtown at the recent Council meeting.

5. Discussion Items:

a) Safe Routes to School and Cycling

Webb: District and City staff discuss safe routes to school and cycling. To the extent both jurisdictions can coordinate on those efforts, we try to do that. Encourages District to utilize Safe Routes staff when needed. City has had good feedback in working with new facilities director David Burke.

Lee: City redesigning 14th Street between Oak and F to make more bike friendly and improve the street corridor, etc. It might be helpful for the City to check in with North Davis Elementary families on the changes. Lee will take to Bicycle Transportation and Street Safety Commission.

Bowes: Laura Juanitas, Matt Best, Sara Roseen at North Davis Elementary and Tom McHale at Davis High School are all good contacts for the District.

Adams: consider the differences between normal traffic and school rush hour traffic.

b) Safety Task Force/Campus Security

Archer: Board Facilities Subcommittee. DJUSD Board voted to roll in safety enhancements to the Facility Master Plan. Encourages council members to call board members if there is an issue on the board to understand Ed Code.

Bowes: Will be series of meetings going out to DJUSD parents to address school safety. Seeking city staff participation as much as possible. Have been in touch with public safety chiefs and will talk with Webb and Stachowicz. Meetings will be at All Student Center, with one at Harper.

Lee: Suggested District make announcement at City Council meeting. DJUSD staff will send info to Stacey Winton for inclusion in the electronic citywide newsletter.

Lee: How are School Resource Officers paid for? (City currently pays, but additional officers could be negotiated for cost-share.)

Colby: At State level grappling with what safety means. Should school sites have an officer.

Archer: SRO focused on the secondary schools. Is Officer Carlson able to do what he feels he needs to do?

Colby: SROs are not necessarily security guards. Need to think about what Webb: Utilize Chief Pytel

c) 2018 Youth in Government

Archer: didn't know about the activities. Would have liked to know about the event. City will look into outreach efforts.

Mock meeting will take place on Thursday, March 22 at 4pm.

d) Results of Demographic Study of DJUSD

Adams: Provided overview of demographic study. If Davis didn't accept interdistrict transfers, we would have declining enrollment. Required to take students whose parents work in town, if there is room. Lack of housing contributes to declining enrollment. This puts a squeeze on District.

Colby: District uses rates generated by Verona for new development.

Archer: Large percentage of students don't go to school in their neighborhood (28% for elementary and secondary), which has traffic implications.

District will send link to demographic study.

6. Updates:

a) Ballot Measures

City has Measures H, I and J (Parks, Streets, and Nishi, respectively) on the ballot for June 2018. H and I are 2/3s, and J is simple majority.

H: Renewal of Parks Tax at \$49, with 2% inflator

I: New Streets and Bike Path Tax at \$99, with 2% inflator

J: Nishi, with 2200 beds (700 units). Affordable component specifically for "traditional" students, who have previously been excluded from affordable housing. No connection from Olive Drive. Project has some financial implications for District.

Archer: District no longer has facilities funds, so considering future funding mechanisms. Considered a parcel tax for employee compensation but don't have complete support from employee unions and polling was not great. Not sure where Board will land. Also considering whether to do a facilities bond.

Adams: Thought polling wasn't that bad but there are concerns about support for employee compensation measure.

Arnold: Is there any type of 50% tax for districts?

Colby: Only 55% for facilities bond in even year election, with other limitations. Webb: some movement on state level that all local taxes would require a 2/3 vote.

Adams: Measure J (Nishi), why doesn't UC Davis utilize West Village area more? Webb: Campus adjusting pricing, looking incorporating additional density and looking at building additional beds. Coming closer to 47% and housing 100% of the new students. Also component of staff/faculty housing in West Village. Campus should release Environmental Impact Report later this spring

7. Announcements/Comments

Davis Teachers Association Settlement – 3.5% retro and 2% one-time next year.

8. Adjourn to next meeting

Adjourn at 6:45pm.