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



MINUTES
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
5:00 pm



1. Call to Order & Roll Call (5:00 p.m.)

Vice Mayor Josh Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

*Members Present: Josh Chapman, Donna Neville, Joe DiNunzio (via Zoom),
Hiram Jackson (arr. 5:30pm)*

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of the March 15, 2023 Minutes

DiNunzio moved, with a second by Jackson, approval of the minutes. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Chapman, DiNunzio, Jackson

NOES:

ABSTAIN: Neville

4. City/District Communications

Superintendent Matt Best: Started 23-24 school year in August. Held a centralized all-staff training in universal design for learning, which benefits all learners (design things from the start to meet all students' needs). Will be having an all-staff picnic soon.

City Manager Mike Webb: Many housing proposals in the city – downtown has nearly 500 units of vertical mixed-use proposals, as well as proposal for a new 6-story hotel on the site of Hilton Garden Inn. Also groundbreaking on mixed-use project on Research Park Drive, completion of the Celeste Apartments, and work on the Plaza 2555 apartments. City and DJUSD staff also working on analysis of demographics as relates to DJUSD enrollment. Also working on Hate Free Together initiative.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Accessibility to City Recreation Programs for Low-Income, Non-English Speaking or Other Disenfranchised Student Households to City Recreation Programs**

Parks and Community Services Director Deanne Machado: need to collect demographic data of youth in recreation programs and know there are gaps. City Council allocated funding to look at ways to better fund underserved youth, which necessitated look at barriers to entry to programs. Barriers included technology, cost, time of day, transportation, language, awareness of the program. This summer, hosted youth

programs at Mutual Housing (affordable housing sites) and Manor Pool (rec swim and pool safety). Programs were free and well received. Also held a soccer program at the Davis Migrant Center with approximately 30 children. A third program is the ESL pre-beginning program developed by the Yolo County Library. The City provided recreation opportunities to the children of the program participants. All programs have been successful and City looking to see how programming can be expanded. All the programs were held for about \$36,000.

Spanish-speaking staff members assisted with the programs where needed.

Question about the scholarship program and the timing – could City make it more streamlined for households? (Yes, City will be looking into.)

No public comment.

b. Safe Routes to Schools/Crossing Guards Update

Assistant Public Works Director Ryan Chapman – 15 locations for crossing guards for elementary and middle school students. Costs split between City and DJUSD; total cost is \$438,000 for the current academic year. City and District staff work together to determine locations and numbers of guards.

How do students get information about the safest route to school? (City has a page on website to show routes and District provides outreach and education, particularly to elementary school students.

No public comment.

c. 526 B Street – Property Disposition

Superintendent Best: DJUSD looking to dispose of 526 B Street. Facility has many needs. Want to maximize return on the property and relocate both the District offices and Davis School for Independent Study (total of about 200 students). Want to start thinking about property for housing. Trustee DiNunzio wants to make sure property serves the community well and maximizes return on the property. There is interest in workforce housing. City assisting with entitlements for the property. Property swap would not be considered surplus property. Sale of property would be considered surplus. District exploring both paths. Webb noted that the property will be included in the update to come to Council to add to Housing Element. Density allowances may assist with letting District meet goals.

No public comment.

d. Facility/Capital Improvement Project Updates

- i. DJUSD – Superintendent Best shared work on Stem building at the Davis High School property. Also working on transitional kindergarten classrooms at the elementary schools. Starting with Korematsu, Montgomery, Patwin, Pioneer. Public outreach for that will begin in the next week or so. Many solar panels are also going in, trying to offset 85% of District’s energy use with solar. Starting a sports facility master plan. Will be starting a restricted fencing project at campuses in the spring. DiNunzio noted that District will be engaging in an asset management plan. Best noted that District will be looking at how to keep up with preventative maintenance
- ii. City – Assistant Public Works Director Ryan Chapman – Mace construction will be starting September 25. Working on design proposal for Anderson in front of Chavez.

No public comment.

6. Announcements/Comments

No comments

7. Future Meetings – Request to move meetings to 2nd Wednesday, every other month. Will need to confirm with District.

8. Adjourn to next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm