



MEMBERS

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UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE**

Special City of Culver City/Culver City Unified School District Liaison Committee Meeting
September 16, 2024 (4:00 P.M.)
Dan Patacchia Conference Room, City Hall and via WebEx

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 P.M. with all Members present.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McMorrin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – Items NOT On The Agenda

None received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER LOREDO AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY OF CULVER CITY/CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY MEMBER LOREDO, SECONDED BY MEMBER EZIDORE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY OF CULVER CITY/CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2024 AS SUBMITTED.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were made.

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ACTION ITEMS

Item A-1

Discussion of Fall Safe Routes to School Event

Member O'Brien reported being in discussions with Jim Shanman the Safe Routes to School Coordinator and Walk and Rollers, about creating an event on November 14 to help promote having people drop their students off several blocks away from campus; he discussed closing off Elenda to traffic that is not teachers, staff, or disabled students; having drop zones in front of the Wende Museum; the importance of outreach; health benefits to walking; and reducing traffic.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the event; traffic mitigation equipment; the need for additional information; staff agreement to coordinate with Jim Shanman; working with other partners; adding enticements; making things safer; identification of sites; timing; collaboration between CCUSD and Culver City; Jim Shanman as the primary point of contact and coordination; ensuring student safety; logistics; ensuring access for staff and students with disabilities; level of compliance; exceptions; planning for those who do not want to comply; providing City support along the walk; creating a park and drop area; the three block challenge; identification of needs for a street closure; the Special Event process; City Council action required to close a street; treating the closure like a special event; the need for additional discussion for the item in the beginning stages; gridlock; student safety; people who are not able to take the extra time

required; logistics; parent engagement; use of volunteers to notify drivers of the change; timing; significance of the date chosen; and other potential dates.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding goals; frequency of the proposed event; whether the closure is for drop off and pick up; appreciation for the successful Walk and Roller event over the weekend; sustainability; messaging; minimizing opposition from the parent community; working strategically; inconvenience; creating something for people to look forward to; rain; duration; frequency; measuring; moving forward through the school year; providing additional information; support for Safe Routes to School; tangible takeaways for the community; ensuring success; sending a recommendation to pursue the event pending the date; receipt of a presentation from Jim Shanman before moving forward with a recommendation; and connecting Jim Shanman with City staff to work out details before the presentation.

Chair McMorrin invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated no requests to speak had been received.

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Item A-2

Discussion of a Request for a Homecoming Parade

Chair McMorrin invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated receiving no requests to speak.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the possibility of holding a Homecoming Parade in Culver City; logistics; collaboration around implementation ideas; potential dates; staging area and route; street closure; traffic safety; First Aid; timing; and the visible opportunity for the School District and the City to work together.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the short timeline; coordination with City staff; support of the team; the focus on the game and tailgate; the traditional alumni gathering; the Homecoming Dance; the current focus on the students; concern with lack of planning on a school site level; the infeasibility of getting a first time event together in time; support for the idea for the next year; generating excitement for the game; creating a small town feel; marching down Elenda culminating in a pep rally in the stadium; loss of the original reason for homecoming events; bringing back alumni; the timeline for a street closure; sending an agenda item to the City Council in the spring; Student Body elections; the growth of the Culver City Pride event; the feeling that done is better than perfect; laying the groundwork for something that can grow in the future; the

full City Council agenda for the next meeting; supporting student leadership; holding a scaled down version as a pilot event; different priorities for different leadership; participation of the marching band in the Art Walk and Roll Festival last year; and the potential for creating a tie-in between the two events.

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Item A-3

Discussion of Upcoming Events in Culver City and Culver City Unified School District

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding cross promotion between Culver City and CCUSD; kid-specific events; integration; inviting families to City events; bilingual fliers for backpacks; the Downtown Trick or Treat event planned for October 27; Spooky Saturday on October 19 as part of the Love Local program; multiple events going on; crossover; effective promotion of the many events through the schools; promotion through the weekly Culver Pride Newsletter; applicability to schools; readership of the Principal's Newsletter; the District Newsletter; social media; the Second Annual Black Families Council BBQ on September 28 in Fox Hills Park; the Love Local Hispanic Heritage Month event at Westfield Mall also on September 28; monthly Love Local events held in different parts of the City; the Cardboard Challenge at El Rincon on September 28; Noche de Familia at the Middle School on October 4; the Sledtacular in Downtown Culver City on December 5; school participation; the Sunday Night Jazz Series at the Kirk Douglas Theater in October; the idea to find two staff people to connect to identify how to get events listed together in one place; placing a recurring Action Item on each Committee agenda; the High School Tailgate for Homecoming on October 18 that is open to the community with food and dancing; club fundraising before the game; the Culver Arts Tito's Taco's Fiesta Mexicana fundraiser on October 4; continual communication and cross-pollination of events; the community calendar; programming for United vs. Hate Week; resources offered by Culver City; cross promotion on social media; and appreciation for the work that goes into the events and leadership that supports the community.

Chair McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated receiving no requests to speak.

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Discussion of Meeting Facilitation for the Culver City and Culver City Unified School District Liaison Committee

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, discussed meetings held since 2010; minutes available since 2012; her assistance facilitating the meetings; meetings held mostly at City Hall over that time; sharing of responsibilities; agenda development; and thinking ahead to 2025.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding CCUSD accommodation of the meetings; meeting frequency; hosting; who runs and organizes the meeting; responsibility for chairing the meetings; continuity; support for alternating meetings; supporting the relationship between Culver City and CCUSD; providing more agency to CCUSD; number of meetings per year; setting a schedule for 2025 with the understanding that plans change; logistics; recording the meeting; differing expectations; special meetings; the CCUSD staff contact; and looking at calendars to find a schedule that works for everyone.

Chair McMorrin invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated receiving no requests to speak.

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Public Comment – Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair McMorrin invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Greg Maron, CCUSD representative on the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), speaking on behalf of himself, asked that the Committee agendize a conversation about the safety study authorized by the City Council in last year's budget; he discussed improving safety on Elenda Avenue; students who raised the issue during public comment at a City Council meeting; support from Council Members to come up with solutions; and he did not want to see another quarter go by without any action taken on the item.

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Items from Members/Staff

Member O'Brien wanted to ensure that Item A-1 would be revisited.

Chair McMorrin echoed Member O'Brien's comment.

Andrew Maximous, Culver City Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed a petition circulated by residents to implement more stringent and expanded permit parking in the area on the west side of the High School; the process; the data; and potential implications.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding United Against Hate Week; banners; outreach; social media; an invitation to interested members of CCUSD to participate in a photo opportunity; maintenance being done in Council Chambers from November 12 through December 9; and date for the next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 5:21 P.M. the City Council/Culver City Unified School District Liaison Committee adjourned to a meeting to be held on November 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Jeremy Bocchino
SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE of the City Council/Culver City Unified School
District Liaison Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

YASMINE-IMANI MCMORRIN
CHAIR of the City Council/Culver City Unified School District Liaison Committee
Culver City, California