MEMBERS





Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, Council Member Albert Vera, Councilmember Dr. Kelly Kent, Member - Board of Education Steven Levin, Member - Board of Education

STAFF

Leslie Lockhart, Superintendent John M. Nachbar, City Manager

Special City of Culver City/Culver City Unified School District Liaison Committee Meeting February 11, 2021 (4:00 P.M. – via WebEx)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. with all Members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, invited public comment noting that virtual speaker cards had not been available until now; she reported no requests to speak; and she proposed that additional opportunity for public comment be allowed later in the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Member Kent expressed gratitude for the thoroughness of the minutes to bring new Members up to speed as she was the only current Member to attend the previous meeting.

MOVED BY MEMBER KENT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY OF CULVER CITY/CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. New Discussion Items
- 1. Selection of Chair of the Committee and Chair Rotation

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, introduced the item and discussed potential actions to be taken.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding past practice; willingness to serve; administrative duties; and alternating duties between Members and jurisdictions.

MOVED BY MEMBER LEVIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY OF CULVER CITY/CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE APPOINT MEMBER MCMORRIN TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND MEMBER VERA TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR.

- B. Updates on Past Agenda Items (As Applicable)
- 1. School Resource Officers (SROs) Update

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Culver City Police Department (CCPD) representation; the lack of an update since school has not been in session; diverting money for a second School Resource Officer (SRO) toward a Restorative Justice Coordinator or Trainer instead; the update from Board Member McBride; funding approval by the City Council; City support of Restorative Justice on campus; the process to move the item forward; communication with Chief Cid; clarification that the item has come before the School Board twice in public meetings in a discussion item format with Board consensus each time; repeated expressed interest by CCUSD Board Members; agreement by the City Manager to follow up on the item and return to the Liaison Committee with additional information; and a recent Chief's Advisory Panel meeting where the item was discussed.

2. Joint Use Agreement Discussion

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Director, discussed the joint use agreement between the School District and the City, and he agreed to reach out to the proper School District liaison regarding reformatting the Joint Use Agreement.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the need to update the Joint Use Agreement; taking the opportunity to better define historic and

current use; and working together to address everyone's needs.

3. Student Support Services Discussion

Mily Huntley, Human Resources and Equity Manager, identified staff members available to answer questions or concerns regarding student support services.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding prepandemic conversations about resources for students requiring mental health support; increased needs; space issues; appreciation to PRCS for creating more opportunities for students to become engaged; expansion of school offerings; proposed enhancements to Teen Center programming; recommendations to students who could benefit from the Teen Center; the need to interact with peers; the need for additional emotional support services; partnering to provide support or therapy services; finding the space for students and therapists to meet; recent suicides; difficulties caused by social distancing; City support; coordination between CCUSD and City staff; success of new programming offered by the City; expansion of the Rec Extension Program; access to The Plunge; Social Service programs available; addressing calls from parents; communication with CCUSD; demand vs. access; staffing; other programs run by PRCS; clarification that programs are full; the challenge to find a balance between serving adults and youth; staffing necessary to expand operating hours; appreciation for the messaging and public relations to convey the importance of serving adolescents; ongoing need for mental health supports; options for the School District to develop programming; contracting with an agency; working with interns; space limitations; under-utilized space; expanding outside of School District properties; benefits of off-campus space for those who do not want to consult with services on campus; Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with different providers at the Senior Center; work with SSG; the importance of moving forward quickly; the importance of peer interaction to benefit mental health; the burden of isolation; exploration of the practicum path and middle-man agencies; School District use of City space; and coordination between the Superintendent and PRCS staff to come up with a solution.

4. Sustainability Discussion

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the food recovery program; development of the Storm Water Quality Master Plan; mandates; stormwater regulations; the county permit; goals; cleanup of Ballona Creek and the Marina del Rey watershed; strategies for compliance; identification and prioritization of possible project areas; and a potential cooperative agreement between the School District and the City.

Kim Braun, Environmental Programs and Operations Manager, provided background on the Food Recovery Program; discussed SB1383; organic waste; food recovery goals; donating 20% of food to non-profit agencies; the Cal Recycle grant; equipment purchased to facilitate the program; MOUs with CCUSD;

distribution of food to West LA College as well as to the Senior and Teen Centers; timing; the pandemic; implementation once schools open again; private entities that may want to donate food; and the exploration of additional partnerships.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding distribution to Grace Diner and the Backpack for Kids Program, and appreciation to staff for their efforts.

Kim Braun, Environmental Programs and Operations Manager, discussed the Storm Water Quality Master Plan; regulations; addressing pollutants present during dry and wet weather; the plan formulated by the consultant; regional projects; cost effective prices; use of the Culver City High School and Middle School sites; the Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit that includes K-12 schools and community colleges; developmental requirements; use of all the school sites; establishing a partnership for projects that the City is required to do; community feedback; prioritization; funding; the Culver Boulevard Storm Water Project; the augmented reality piece; educational value; mobility; signage; educational walk-throughs with classes; information on the City website available for download; symbols incorporated into the manholes in the median; and education and outreach.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding grade level standards; field trips; coordination between CCUSD and the City to work to provide a better fit for content; the unfunded mandate; funding from Measure CW; grants; regional partnerships; strengthening grant applications through partnerships; and amplifying the need through the California School Board Association.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Ken Mand reported being part of the Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) with the School District; discussed COVID-related budget items faced by the School District; loss faced by CCUSD Food Service due to efforts to feed the community; services for students; social emotional needs of students; joint use agreements; collaboration to provide services for all students within CCUSD; identification of opportunities for every age group to get together to interact while sorting out the hybrid future; mitigating negative effects of isolation; use of shared outdoor spaces; reclamation of left-over food; and financial help for the CCUSD General Fund.

Sandrine Cassidy, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator for CCUSD, received clarification regarding the timeline for completion of the Storm Water Project and project location; she expressed appreciation to the Environmental Programs and Operations team for their support; discussed the Environmental Sustainability Committee; guest speakers; weekly distribution of Green Tips; formation of the

Garden Subcommittee; the Green Ambassador Subcommittee; flexibility and focus afforded by meeting via Zoom; the Plastics Reduction Campaign; appreciation for the Food Recovery Program; the move to all green cleaning products; development of best practices around waste; the focus on water; the CCUSD Green Facebook page; the EarthFest Week campaign; the West Basin grant allowing for new water filling stations; the free landscaping survey through Metropolitan Water District; reusable bags; the donation of bags from Pavilions; distribution of free gardening kits; the promotional video about everything CCUSD is doing around green actions; her upcoming presentation to the Rotary Club; conversations about joint purchasing; the District-wide Gardening Workshop in March; composting; she invited the City to present at CCUSD Sustainability meetings; and she discussed the possibility of combining efforts between the City and CCUSD to keep the Sustainability Coordinator position in place.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding sustainability work that has continued in the School District despite the circumstances; the suggestion to invite Jim Shanman, the Safe Routes to School Coordinator to make a presentation at the next meeting; making the Sustainability Coordinator position full-time; writing funding for the Coordinator position into the grant process; the Mobility and Traffic Engineer; implementation of Safe Routes to School throughout the City; meeting students where they are; bringing back trade education for those who are not focused on STEAM; involving the Chamber of Commerce in the conversation to get local businesses involved with the schools; the Career Tech Ed (CTE) component; current involvement with Chamber representatives; providing for those who are not interested in going to college; the difficulty of spending time with experts in the field during COVID; students and parents who want woodworking and auto shop brought back; the College and Career Ready Center; interest expressed and programs established for social justice, graphic design, architecture and sports medicine; ensuring a pathway to proficiency; coordination with West LA College; decisions on what pathways to support based on input from the Career Technical Education Committee; stakeholders; City representation; and input from the students.

C. Next Steps, Items for Upcoming Agendas, Next Meeting Date/Time

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding exploration of providing housing for staff on School District property; the request for additional information from the School Board before the housing conversation went before the City Council; fiscal support for a consultant in order to move forward; research on past resolutions from other districts; the Housing Subcommittee; continued discussions regarding vaccinations; ensuring that staff is vaccinated; prior School District experience giving flu shots; the requirement that CCUSD work with the City; scheduling; a suggestion to have a clinic day for CCUSD employees; partnerships; number of doses available; and coordination with St. John's Wellness Center.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, summarized agreed upon items for the next agenda including:

- presentation regarding CTE pathways and how to have a discussion of City involvement
- report from Mobility and Traffic Engineer Heba el-Guindy and Safe Routes to School Coordinator Jim Shanman regarding sustainability issues
- a discussion on the need for affordable housing
- a discussion regarding vaccinations

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding incentives to have adolescent activities; development; community benefits; City Council purview; agreement to provide additional information at the next meeting; joint purchasing; coordination between the City and Sandrine Cassidy; a typographical error on the agenda; updates on past agenda items; report backs regarding follow up for the SROs, the Joint Use Agreement discussion, and support services for students; meeting frequency; efficiency; and staff resources.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:59 P.M. the City Council/CCUSD Liaison Committee adjourned.

Jeremy Freen

SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE of the City Council/CCUSD Liaison Committee Culver City, California

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CHAIR of the City Council/CCUSD Liaison Committee

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