

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 11, 2004 - 6:30 p.m.
Caltech, Avery Cafeteria Room

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
WITH THE PASADENA BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPENING: Board of Education President Mike Babcock called the special joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of Education to order at 6:41 p.m., and provided brief opening comments.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Absent)
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Paul Little
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Joyce Streater

City Staff:

City Manager Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane L. Rodriguez

Pasadena Unified School
District Board of Education

President Mike Babcock
Vice President Ed Honowitz
Member Bill Bibbiani
Member Prentice Dadrick
Member Susan Kane
Member Esteban Lizardo
Member Peter Soelter

PUSD Staff:

Dr. Percy Clerk, Jr., Superintendent
David Lutkemeir, Assistant Superintendent
Kathleen A. Duba, Deputy Superintendent

CEREMONIAL MATTER

Mayor Bogaard presented a commendation to Mr. Roy Sunada, Advanced Placement Coordinator at John Marshall Fundamental School, for his inspiration in catching and cultivating the potential in every student who passes through his door, and for the tremendous contributions made to the City and students of Pasadena.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Susana Zamorano, Pasadena resident and representing APPLE, a parent organization, expressed concerns regarding gentrification, the need for rent control, and stressed the need for a new school in Northwest Pasadena.

Ms. Tahra Goraya, Executive Director, Day One, thanked the City Council and Board of Education for their support and partnerships with Day One. Ms. Goraya promoted March 2004 as Parenting Awareness Month and distributed a brochure of upcoming workshops to be held throughout the community.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Dr. Percy Clark, Jr., Superintendent, distributed and reviewed a handout detailing the following five School District initiatives: (1) Implementation of All Day Kindergarten; (2) Implementation of Sixth Grade; (3) Utilizing Audubon; (4) Returning Middle School to Sierra Madre; and (5) Development of Up to Two Primary Centers.

Dr. Clark discussed the connection of these five initiatives to the Curriculum Management Audit. Assistant Superintendent David Lutkemeir responded to questions regarding the utilization of Audubon.

There was no formal action on this item.

THE PROMISE OF COLLABORATION AND JOINT USE IN PASADENA

Mr. David Abel, Chairman and Managing Director, New Schools - Better Neighborhoods (NSBN), reviewed the mission of NSBN and discussed the success of joint use facilities in other communities.

Mr. Abel stated the City and School District have signed a Letter of Intent to engage in the process and NSBN will help fund this effort. He noted the intent of this effort is to facilitate, support and chronicle joint meetings of the City and School District representatives for the purpose of identifying one or two joint use primary center sites in the northwest area of Pasadena. He stressed the need for this to be designed with community engagement and with brainstorming sessions on what the uses can be and the configuration, and to help identify available funds.

Mr. Abel further discussed the City Council and Board of Education designating two to three of its members to serve on a steering committee that would be staffed jointly by the City and School District, and NSBN will help facilitate any pay for resources to cover that effort.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the next steps in the joint planning process between the City, the School District, and NSBN.

Ms. Tsilah Burman, Executive Director, NSBN, discussed a two-pronged planning effort for the City Council and the Board of

Education to each select two to three members to serve on the steering committee, and for both the City and School District to assign appropriate staff to serve on a staff task force. She noted that NSBN will work with both of these groups.

The City Manager reported one joint staff meeting has already been held, and noted that in a short period of time, a community outreach plan will be put together and presented to the City Council and Board of Education.

Board member Bibbiani stressed the need to identify property in the Northwest to purchase land for a primary center, and to have a strategy and funds to purchase property.

It was noted that the community outreach/engagement component and identifying a site could be a simultaneous process. Board member Lizardo stressed the need for the City and School District to jointly find and select a site.

In response to questions, Ms. Burman noted that it is anticipated that by June 2004 a site will have been selected. An urgency was stressed in appointing the City Council and Board of Education representatives to the steering committee.

Mr. Abel reported the next step after the initial process is completed and the City and School District have agreed upon a joint use Primary Center in Northwest Pasadena, would be to develop a Memorandum of Understanding among the School District, the City, and NSBN to embark on a collaborative master-planning process for the design of the neighborhood-centered joint use Primary Center.

There was no formal action on this item.

Mayor Bogaard noted that Councilmember Gordo was ill this evening, and relayed Councilmember Gordo's message that he was very much interested in joint collaboration efforts between the City and School District, and in particular the exploration of sites for primary centers.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

(1) Common Ground Initiative

Ms. Pasty Lane, Director of Human Services and Recreation, distributed brochures and reported on after school programs, and responded to questions.

Ms. Kathy Duba, Deputy Superintendent, discussed the Common Ground initiative and responded to questions. Ms. Lane reported a list of stakeholders was compiled, Common Ground conducted interviews of City, School District, and community leaders over

the last six weeks, and Common Ground is in the process of preparing an analysis, and by the end of this month a written assessment will be received by both the City and the School District. It was noted the assessment will identify next steps, key issues and barriers, and ways to improve collaboration of after-school programs.

Ms. Margaret Shoemaker, Director of the Pasadena LEARNs program, responded to questions regarding activities offered in the after school program.

Discussion ensued and individual comments were made regarding the need to evaluate the effectiveness of the after school programs based on the intent and mission of each program; the need to coordinate City, School District and third-party providers to provide options to parents and to best utilize dollars for after school programs; the need to give precise direction and development of specific things that we want the after school programs to accomplish, and use this as a template for figuring out the content of a program and how the program should be evaluated; and the need to look at the dollars both entities are contributing to after school programs and how to best utilize these dollars.

It was noted that there are other ways to evaluate the effectiveness of after-school programs besides academic performance, and the importance of keeping children in safe, supervised activities was stressed. Regarding middle and high school students, the need to offer positive alternatives to students who do not participate in sports activities was stressed, in order to keep the juvenile crime rate down.

Dr. Clark commended Jaylene Moseley for her involvement in the "Mustangs on the Move" youth program.

(2) National League of Cities Program Update

Ms. Lisa Fowler, Special Assistant to the City Manager, provided background information and a brief status of the project. She stated the focus of this project is to develop programs that align out-of-school programs and activities with in-school learning, and noted Pasadena is one of six cities selected nation-wide for this project. Ms. Fowler provided examples of after school activities that align with in-school learning.

Ms. Fowler also discussed the make-up of the project team, its responsibilities, and possible future training for the team, and responded to questions.

There was no formal action on the above two items.

PASADENA HOUSING AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

Councilmember Holden was excused at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Bill Trimble, Planner, provided a presentation of housing and demographic trends based on the 2000 Census, and responded to questions from the Council and Board.

Discussion ensued and individual comments were made regarding future housing needs; the need for affordable housing; whether additional schools will be needed if there is a decline in birth rates; the need for neighborhood schools; and the suggestion to explore workforce housing for teachers, firefighters, police officers, etc. In response to the last suggestion, the Mayor noted there are companies that specialize in finding housing for specialized professional groups.

Board member Bibbiani suggested the City provide the School District with information on particular areas of the city where there are increases or declines in growth. He also suggested that the City periodically provide the School District with an advisory notice every couple months of properties that are vacant or being bull-dozed in Northwest Pasadena, as this impacts the District's projections. Mr. Bibbiani suggested collaboration among the City and School District demographers. Dr. Clark noted the City and School District staff are beginning to collaborate in that effort.

There was no formal action on the above item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the New Schools - Better Neighborhoods initiative, and urged the two jurisdictions to take a closer look at First 5 LA's past projects and the impacts to this community with accepting funds. Ms. Romney also expressed concern with possible duplication of services offered.

Ms. Inez Yslas, Pasadena Latino Forum, thanked the City and School District for its collaborative efforts, spoke in support of after school programs, expressed concern with a disconnect with the people component, stressed the need for Spanish translation services, suggested there needs to be an analysis of the people being served by the various programs, and the need to take into account traditional and cultural differences. In conclusion of her comments, Ms. Islas requested the Council and Board to ask questions that will put a face to the programs offered.

The City Manager responded that Pasadena LEARNs and the after school program staff have information in response to some of the issues raised, and Ms. Islas will be contacted with follow-up information.

Mayor Bogaard expressed gratitude to Caltech for offering its facilities for the joint meeting. He also thanked City and School District staff for coordinating this meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS
COMMENTS**

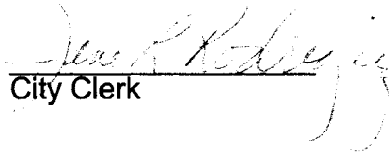
Board member Prentice Deadrick referred to Councilmember Gordo's efforts to address nuisance alcohol outlets in Northwest Pasadena, noted these outlets are in areas heavily populated by students and there are adverse impacts to students, and stated he had statistics regarding the number of students in the impacted area.

The Mayor encouraged Board member Deadrick to pass the statistical information on to the City to be of assistance to the working group that will be addressing the issue.


ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena