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From: John Latta
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 2:14 PM
To: Andrew Oksner
Cc: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Thyret, Pam; Wilson, Andy; Leslie Barnes; Erika Foy; Glenn Camhi; Kristin Harrison; Suzie Boyer; Anthony Cannizzo; 59; Ronald Manzke
Subject: Re: Tonight's City Council and PUSD Meeting - Joint Use Agreements

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Good. I am working on a brief letter supporting collaboration between the city and schools on increasing community access to school facilities via the joint use agreement.

John Latta

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On Mar 7, 2022, at 2:05 PM, Andrew Oksner <aok

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Good evening Mayor, Council and PUSD,

I think this is really an opportune time to discuss what is becoming really obvious, the lack of walkable and accessible open/park space in the areas where we are rezoning for high density housing in most of our upcoming specific plans. How many families will go without easy access to have grass under their feet or a beautiful shade tree to sit under when we have hot summer days? How many children will grow up without a place to play in their neighborhood that is within walking distance? As you are aware, I find it hard to believe we have massive plans for housing without accessible park maps within our specific plans to guide this council and PUSD in creating a healthy and gracious living for all. I would be grateful if the council could ask the following questions-

1. Can we use park fees to purchase PUSD properties for open space?
- 2.
3. Is
4. PUSD willing to either sell empty properties or provide more joint use agreements for this reason?
- 5.
6. Can the task force of Early Childhood Development look at accessible open space for our specific plans and recommend areas where kids are really lacking in open space?

In light of all we are learning now about the risks of high-density living, long-term exposure to poor air quality, and the relationship between building to the urban edge and the urban heat island index, I believe the citizens of Pasadena should be alarmed by the city's current plans for development without a plan to create more open space and insist on in-ground tree plantings in what little open space is being added. I urge this council to take the time to ask hard questions about the true risks and benefits of the high-growth, pro-housing model the city has put in place with each specific plan without looking at the entire "livable" picture of what residents and kids need for healthy living.

Thank you, Erika Foy

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March 7, 2022

The Honorable Mayor Victor Gordo and Members of the City Council and Pasadena Unified School District
175 North Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

RE: PUSD Joint Use Agreement

The Madison Heights Neighborhood Association supports extending and expanding the Joint Use Agreement to allow the wider community to use school recreational and other facilities when not in use by the schools. We hope the priority of use could be expanded to allow individuals to use the tennis courts, tracks, fields and other facilities as well. It is unfortunate that many school facilities are locked up when they could be used by citizens.

We also support the City conversion of surplus PUSD facilities into parks open to the community. For example, we strongly support converting all of the Allendale Elementary land into park land for the common use, particularly since District 7 has virtually no park space and it would be a natural extension of the one small park area that does exist.

Thank you very much.



John Latta
President, MHNA

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We are all aware that there is a housing shortage in Pasadena and California. We also know that in order to help house our residents, more apartments and condos are being built throughout our city. But we also know that a city without open space will become a slum and none of us want such an outcome. That is why the proposal by Livable Pasadena to repurpose unused recreational space by schools is a wonderful idea. It will allow more places for children to play, for community gardens to develop and for people to find tranquil places to relax and enjoy the remarkable climate of California. Let's make that as much a priority as we are now making the building of new condos and apartments. We need a balance of nature and housing. That's the Pasadena way.

Christle Hintz

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c/o Mark Jomsky
City Clerk
100 North Garfield Ave.
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Re: PUSD properties

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council Members:

We are writing tonight to address the use of PUSD properties that will no longer be used as a school. We believe that this is a great opportunity to create more open space. Pasadena is on track to create many higher density housing projects, and the city will receive park fees associated with the new development. Would PUSD be willing to allow the city to purchase any unneeded properties for open space? We think that the community would benefit from a map of the PUSD properties in question so that needed open space could be analyzed. For example, Allendale School could provide critically needed park space for the South Fair Oaks area, which has been designated for many new housing units. Access to open green space is important, and these properties would provide an excellent opportunity to increase access to open green spaces for all residents of Pasadena.

Thank you,
Megan Foker,
On behalf of Livable Pasadena