

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Erika Foy
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 8:33 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Thyret, Pam; Lyon, Jason
Subject: UPDATE ON THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

[⚠] CAUTION: This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you **know** the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. [Learn more...](#)

Dear City Council, Mayor Gordo and PUSD Board Members,

I wasn't surprised to see this letter to the editor published this morning in the Pasadena Star News. The individual brings up a good question as to why our school grounds are in such poor condition compared to neighboring city schools. I agree with this comment, and I too do not think this is a good reflection of our city. One issue I am familiar with because of my efforts to clean up Blair High School and Allendale Elementary during COVID, was the fact the entire school system has literally let all sprinkler systems fail except those on the local fields. Thank goodness for all the rain we have seen in recent months because the lack of water on school parkways and properties has been cause for dying trees and brown landscape (please consider reviewing the removal of massive trees along Marengo/Euclid/Allendale for this reason). Considering PUSD owns considerable acreage in our city, it would be a true loss to loose trees due to lack of a proper watering systems. I encourage you to inquire on this issue and consider that this could be one reason the schools look so bad. Thank you, Erika Foy District 7

3/20/2023
Item 5

to raise
olence re-
arch 8):
shment
ontrol gun
e the
lions of
e that
ll some-

14 of
7 mass
ndreds

n ex-
ney, our
e privi-
ol laws
s, the
anufac-
n mak-

g as
l their
ent
s to ac-

PUSD weeds

I live a couple of blocks from Pasadena's McKinley Elementary School and drive by daily. The perimeter grounds are overgrown with untended weeds. Sadly, its immediate neighbor, the PUSD headquarters, shares this slovenly appearance.

I've observed that the grounds of the public schools in all of the neighboring communities (South Pasadena, Alhambra, San Marino, Arcadia and San Gabriel) are well maintained. I believe this lack of maintenance by the PUSD reflects badly on the quality of its schools and our community. Furthermore, it encourages student disrespect for these institutions. It's my understanding that providing landscaping gardening and

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Gennia
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 7:16 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public comment for March 20 Meeting, Agenda Item 5 - Facilities Master Plan

Some people who received this message don't often get email from

[Learn why this is important](#)

[⚠] CAUTION: This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you **know** the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. [Learn more...](#)

Dear Councilmembers and PUSD Board Members,

I'm writing regarding Agenda Item 5 - Facilities Master Plan. I urge you to clean up and maintain the abandoned Linda Vista School site. The dilapidated property is a health and safety concern for the neighborhood. It is an eyesore, attracts pests, and invites trespassers to our neighborhood. As a family with young children who regularly walk by the abandoned school on our way to the Linda Vista park and library, it is a daily concern for us. Please remove the old equipment and trailers as soon as possible, and regularly maintain the site while you're finalizing the Facilities Master Plan.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter.

Best regards,
Gennia Cui
Linda Vista resident

3/20/2023
Item 5

RECEIVED

**Linda Vista-Annandale Association
Pasadena, CA**

2023 MAR 20 AM 10:49

CITY OF PASADENA

March 19, 2023

Re: Joint City Council/PUSD Meeting; March 20, 2023; Agenda Item 5 – Facilities Master Plan

Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers, and PUSD President Bailey and Board Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) which is the neighborhood association for the Linda Vista-Annandale Pasadena neighborhood. The closed Linda Vista School site is within our neighborhood on Linda Vista Ave. and Bryant Street. Our purpose in writing is to call out ongoing problems at the Linda Vista School site and suggest an immediate possible solution.

For a long time (and other than the Joint Use Linda Vista Neighborhood Park which is maintained by the City and possibly the Children's Center leasehold), there has been little or no attention on a regular basis to the physical condition of the Linda Vista closed school site. The lack of regular care includes little or no regular maintenance and clean-up such as dirt, dead leaves and other dead plant materials, as well as trash; and allowing the abandoned, unusable and deteriorated portables being "stored" on the property to remain in place versus removing them. Further, the newer building on Linda Vista Ave. south of the corner building is unusable and uninhabitable due to extensive water and other damage, has been broken into and illegally occupied, and should be demolished. Importantly, the gates and locks into the PUSD portion of the site are not maintained, are usually broken, and are left open and are illegally broken into regularly.

Recently, the old and abandoned non-Park children's play equipment which had been allowed to remain on the site for years was removed. This is a good model to follow for future action.

This entire situation cannot continue. The PUSD part of the site is an eyesore, but, more importantly, the physical deterioration has attracted squatters, regularly attracts break-ins, is an attractive nuisance, leads to infestations of vermin, and is an ongoing security risk and liability (including Fire) risk to the PUSD and the City along with our neighborhood and the Children's Center. LVAA and concerned neighbors have expressed these observations and concerns many times before, but here is Notice again in writing.

Please help us PUSD. At least regularly maintain the site in good and safe condition and cleanliness, and also promptly remove the deteriorated portables and fix and maintain the gates and locks, as discussed above. And please provide this same level of maintenance and care to all other poorly maintained school sites in Pasadena, whether operating or closed. All of Pasadena's neighborhoods deserve well-maintained PUSD sites. To this end, are there any specific sources of funding to ameliorate dangerous and unsafe "attractive nuisance" school site conditions?

We have a suggestion for both the PUSD and the City if the PUSD cannot implement such an ongoing maintenance program: Would it be possible for the City to partner with the PUSD to provide clean-up and maintenance assistance now, on an interim basis, until the Master Facilities Plan is completed and implemented? Such cooperative ventures between the City and PUSD have been successful in the past. Can such a joint program of City assistance be designed and implemented to address these Linda Vista School site issues along with other similar PUSD sites with maintenance challenges in Pasadena? Such a joint effort would certainly be well received by the Pasadena public including LVAA and concerned neighbors in our area. In this context, we also suggest that the Facilities Master Plan address and plan for ongoing school site maintenance issues whether the sites are operating or closed.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and comments, and our suggested solutions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nina Chomsky

Nina Chomsky,
President, LVAA
cc: LVAA Board of Directors.

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Ryan Kiessling
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:37 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Linda Vista elementary site

Some people who received this message don't often get email from

[Learn why this is important](#)

[A] CAUTION: This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you **know** the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. [Learn more...](#)

Hello,

3/20

I am a resident of Linda Vista area

I see that pusd is in the midst of upgrading their school sites using measure o monies that I voted on

Our site has been closed for over 15 years, and there have been unused bungalows left on the grounds

Being abandoned for this long, they pose a safety hazard

There are outside pieces falling off and laying on the ground

The doors have fallen open over time allowing access by people and animals

There is a preschool located on the site where these buildings pose an attractive nuisance

With their removal, there would be more room for grounds use by parents/ teachers/ students

As of right now, the surrounding streets are congested with cars and pedestrians picking up/ dropping off young children

Having these unused outbuildings taken away would allow for this traffic to be moved off of city streets and into a secure gated area

Gwendolyn Kiessling

3/20/2023

Item 5

McMillan, Acquanette (Netta)

From: Pedersen, Dane
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:16 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for hearing 3/20/2023

Some people who received this message don't often get email from

[Learn why this is important](#)

[⚠] CAUTION: This email was delivered from the Internet. Do not click links or open attachments unless you **know** the content is safe. Report phish using the Phish Alert Button. [Learn more...](#)

Hello Council members,

My name is Dane Pedersen and I live at _____, less than 1/2 mile from the closed & abandoned Linda Vista School.

As someone that works as a finance director at a top Fortune 500 company, and is an active Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), I know the importance of making sound financial decisions.

I would like to see five things happen so, we the residents, and the PUSD can make an educated and joint decision as it relates to the future of the **Linda Vista School site**.

1. **Release to the public the cost to "maintain" this dilapidated school**, as well as the millions the city paid to the family of a two-year old girl that was almost killed by an unkept tree that fell on her - I'm confident you'll find this site is a drain on resources that could be better utilized improving active schools
2. Urge PUSD to use their measure O funds to pay for and release the findings of a **detailed inspection report** of the buildings condition - I'm confident they will find decay, mold, and overall safety and fire hazards across all the buildings
3. Urge PUSD to use their measure O funds to pay for and release the findings of an **appraisal report** by a qualified company like CBRE - I'm confident they'll find the roughly 5 acre site will be worth \$10M+ to the right buyer/developer
4. **Create a process to jointly review the above information** with the nearby residents to determine the best use of the site and enable the PUSD to make the best finically driven decision.
5. **Allow residents to submit proposals for future use** that meets the needs of the community

Thanks

Dane



Dane Pedersen, CFA
Partnership Finance
(m)
(e)

3/20/2023
Item 5