

**SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL AND
SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 20, 2012

TO: Mayor and Council Members
School Board President and Board Members

FROM: James L. Armstrong, City Administrator
David E. Cash, Ed.D., Superintendent

SUBJECT: Joint Meeting Of The School Board And City Council

BACKGROUND:

In 2000, the City Council and School Board began meeting in joint session for two purposes: to improve communication between the two agencies, and to expand collaborative programming and the sharing of facilities to better serve the community. Joint meetings are now held at least annually and provide the opportunity for the City Council, School Board and the community to receive status reports regarding on-going activities and projects of mutual interest.

The most recent joint meeting was held on April 27, 2011, during which both agencies' continuing budgeted challenges were discussed, and status reports were provided on collaborative activities and projects of mutual interest. At the joint meeting on April 20th, the main focus will again be on budget challenges faced by both the City and the School District, including the recent dissolution of the City Redevelopment Agency and the implications for the community.

AGENDA ITEMS:

6. Report on Joint City/School District Programs

The following report was prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Programs Manager. Authors are listed at the end of each report area.

City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara School District Joint Use Committee: The Committee met three times since the start of Fiscal Year 2012, and attendance has been good. The Committee members for the year are:

Santa Barbara School District:

Director of Facilities and Operations	David Hetynk
Santa Barbara Junior High Principal	Lito Garcia
Maintenance Supervisor	Bruce Chavez
Grounds Staff	Paul Cavalier

City of Santa Barbara

Recreation Programs Manager	Sarah Hanna
Parks Manager	Santos Escobar
Recreation Supervisor/Sports	Jeff Smith
Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities	Terry Brown
Parks Supervisor	Mark Rauch

Field Scheduling and Monitoring: Shared field use continues to be an important resource for the community. Through the joint use agreement, the City schedules and manages four School District fields (La Colina, La Cumbre, and Santa Barbara Junior High and Franklin Elementary School). User fees collected by the City offset City operational costs and contribute to the District's field maintenance.

The following table shows hours reserved and corresponding revenue at mid-fiscal year (July through December) for the last four years.

	Hours Reserved	Revenue
FY 2012	1,772	\$35,380
FY 2011	1,894	\$32,413
FY 2010	2,024	\$29,280
FY 2009	3,843	\$32,801
FY 2008	2,311	\$28,808

Hours fluctuate annually due to inclement weather, saturated field conditions, the ability to schedule alternative field sites, general field conditions, field closures for maintenance, and field use by school district programs and events. Revenue fluctuates due to adult vs. youth hourly rates, fee increases or changes, and the number of refunds due to rain outs or scheduling conflicts.

At mid-year, field reservation hours are down slightly for the second consecutive year. Revenue is slightly up for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2012 compared to Fiscal Year 2011. This is attributed to reservations paid in advance. However, it is anticipated that the revenue goal (\$60,557) will not be met by the end of this fiscal year for the 2nd consecutive year. Expected revenue for Fiscal Year 2012 is \$52,000. There are several reasons for the decline in hours and potential revenue decrease, some of which include:

- 1) Youth soccer leagues and clubs are requesting less hours
- 2) La Colina JHS available fields remain reduced from three to two due to ground squirrel infestation making field #1 unsafe for play
- 3) Available field time has been reduced due to the ASES afterschool program at La Cumbre JHS (reserved field use is not allowed before 5:00 p.m. school days, and there are no field lights, both which impact available field hours)

There is a special project reserve of approximately \$23,000 in the field scheduling budget to cover the anticipated revenue shortfall should it materialize. These funds have accumulated over several years when revenues exceeded expenditures. As part of the joint use agreement for field scheduling, the committee may allocate excess funds to field improvement projects, equipment or supplies.

The main user groups of the District's fields continue to be Santa Barbara Soccer Club (SBSC), American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), Central Coast Soccer League (CCSL), Police Activities League (PAL), and Youth Football League (YFL). An adult kickball league (WAKA) has continued to be a consistent user of District fields.

City Sports section staff continues to coordinate with District staff for use of the Santa Barbara High School gym for City adult sports leagues (basketball) and the softball field for the City T-Ball clinic and league. Additionally, Santa Barbara High School schedules use of Cabrillo Park softball field through the City for JV Girls Softball practices and games.

Jeff Smith, City Recreation Supervisor/Sports

Field Maintenance: The two agencies continue to participate in the maintenance sub-committee oversight of the field standards, meeting three times during the year. The sub-committee evaluates the condition of the fields, irrigation levels, and maintenance needs, and brings its report forward to the Joint Use Committee for consideration. The three Junior High school fields (La Colina, Santa Barbara and La Cumbre) and one Elementary school field (Franklin) were closed for three weeks over winter break and will close for eleven weeks (length of time depending on field recovery) in summer 2012. The purpose of closing the fields is to perform needed field renovation and allow for field rest.

The District has experienced an above acceptable level of squirrel and gopher activity at La Colina JHS which has resulted in some areas of the field being unsafe for organized activities due to large holes and uneven playing surface, creating below acceptable field standards. Eradication was performed over winter break by a contractor.

At SBJH, light bulb replacement (\$9,856) and installation a new light timer (\$300) were approved by the joint use committee for purchase out of the special project reserve.

Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Manager, compiled from Joint Use Committee Minutes

Afterschool Programs: The Afterschool Opportunities for Kids! (A-OK), and Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP) have been in operation for the current school year since August 23, 2010. Elementary sport leagues and Junior High after school program start after a registration period, a few weeks into the school year.

After School Opportunities for Kids – A-OK

This year is the 13th year of the A-OK afterschool program funded through the State Department of Education After School Education and Safety (ASES) grant. The program targets underachieving students and includes homework and tutoring activities using District and City Parks and Recreation program leaders. The physical activities are provided by City Parks and Recreation. Currently 85-110 students at each site participate daily at Adams, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding, and McKinley Elementary Schools. Adelante Charter School opened in 2011 with 50 new A-OK students for an annualized total of 720 students. Each campus has the support of Family Service Agency family advocates who provide clerical support, community resources, and referrals for the families in A-OK.

Program highlights include:

- Professional development trainings were based on the needs of staff this year and achieved clearly defined and measurable goals as required by the grant. They included three days of orientation at the beginning of the school year, and evening trainings on behavior management, bullying prevention, homework assistance, and curriculum trainings by both the District and City Parks and Recreation every five weeks. The district curriculum included language and literacy activities such as “Noun Town” and “Verb Valley.” There was more of a focus this year on STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) activities which included: “March Math Madness,” “Ocean smART,” “Survey Says,” and others. Again this year, the District will bring back its ever popular “College Bound” curriculum in the spring. The Parks and Recreation curriculum included: soccer, net sports, handball, Fun with Frisbees, Heart Fit/Heart Felt, basketball, Junior Olympians, Fun to be Fit, and more.

- The 12th annual “Lights On After School”, a national event held in October, called attention to the importance of after school programs and after school partners that keep children safe, inspire them to learn, and assist working families with their afterschool care. This event was celebrated at Adams Elementary School and was widely attended. There were partner activity tables for student participation, singing, drumming, and parents speaking on the value of A-OK and RAP programs. The healthy refreshments were provided by the La Cumbre ASES Teen Cuisine Program.
- A-OK Clubs included: Girl Scouts, Everybody Dance Now, Masters of Disaster through the American Red Cross, Art Classes for 4-6th graders by the Santa Barbara Museum of Art staff, Police Activities League (PAL) Ridley-Tree Art Program, sports, cooking, and gardening.
- 32 Volunteers from work study, local high schools, the City of Santa Barbara Youth Apprenticeship program and Youth Council, the SBCC Work Study Program, Partners in Education, and First Presbyterian and Trinity Churches are involved on a regular basis with helping students with homework.
- In 2010-2011, based on a \$697,000 grant, the program had received nearly \$500,000 in donations and/or in-kind services. This far exceeds the 33% grant requirement.

Debi Badger, SBUSD Director of Child Development and After School Programs

Recreation Afterschool Program – RAP

The City of Santa Barbara offers a fee-based afterschool program for students at four elementary schools. Currently 289 participants (158 full-time and 131 “drop-in”) attend Adams, Monroe, Roosevelt, and Washington Elementary Schools. Open Alternative School was cancelled prior to the start of the 2012 school year due to a low daily attendance. Drop-in registrations and the newly added single-day passes issued remain consistent with FY 2011. Full-time registration currently at 158 (down from 176 at this time last year) has shown a decline of 20 participants in the last two fiscal years. Fun for Free days occur quarterly to draw attention to the benefits of RAP. The first Fun for Free day brought in 28 new participants (not included in the single day pass total).

The RAP program currently provides inclusion support services to 10 participants with special needs. Currently one student at Adams, five at Monroe, and two at each Roosevelt and Washington schools receive support. This program continues to increase each year to support a growing number of students needing services.

The City continues to provide a RAP scholarship program (up to \$60,000), with 69 participants receiving scholarships (48 received 50% and 21 received 75% scholarships) through December. The Santa Barbara County Education Office currently provides five scholarships through the Children’s Resource and Referral Program. This funding, however, continues to decline, as does the number of scholarships provided through these programs. A free snack program by the Community Action Commission continued for the second year in a row at two qualifying sites (Adams and Monroe).

The RAP program continues to align its curriculum training with A-OK to incorporate education into activities. In addition to start-up orientation and anti-bullying training with A-OK, RAP staff development included homework assistance and leadership/development of staff as "authority figures." Club activities include: cooking, crochet, Beyblade, friendship bracelet, field trip club, RAP stars and the previously mentioned Fun for Free days. The second year of the Monroe Giving Tree saw a tremendous effort by Monroe staff and students. RAP children provided holiday gifts to elementary and junior high students. The giving children at Monroe RAP fundraised over \$900 and purchased gifts for needy students district wide.

Terry Brown, City Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities

Elementary Afterschool Sports Leagues

The School District and Parks and Recreation Department continue to offer free After School Sports Leagues to all students in the 2nd through 6th grade. The combined City/District effort encourages student participation in healthy after school activities that promote exercise, teamwork, skill building, increased self-esteem and sportsmanship.

Sports leagues are eight to ten week seasons and include Flag Football (Fall), Blacktop Basketball (Winter), and Soccer (Spring). Coaches are assigned to each school to provide instruction, leadership and mentoring to all children participating in the program.

Teams have one Monday after school practice scheduled each week. Teams also have one 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. game scheduled each week (different days for each division) against other local Santa Barbara Elementary School teams. Boys, girls and coed divisions ensure all interested students are able to participate.

Participation levels in the three sports leagues include the following: Flag Football 350+; Blacktop Basketball 350+; and Soccer 200+.

A Parks and Recreation Department sports program coordinator plans, organizes and supervises the paid coaches, referees and youth bus drivers to ensure the programs are organized and successful. Transportation is provided to A-OK after school site teams that have "away" games scheduled at other local elementary schools. The Parks and Recreation Sports Staff work closely with after school RAP, A-OK and school staff to coordinate the students' participation in practice and games while also cooperating to share field and/or court space at the elementary schools. The annual budget support for the free program comes from the City of Santa Barbara General Fund and is approximately \$60,000. These funds support staff time, sports supplies, team shirts for the kids and coaches' shirts, so that the coaches are easily identified on school campuses.

Jeff Smith, City Recreation Supervisor/Sports

Junior High After School Program

The Junior High Afterschool program operates on four campuses: Goleta Valley, La Colina, La Cumbre, and Santa Barbara Junior Highs. The program is funded by the District (\$40,000), City of Santa Barbara (\$20,000), City of Goleta (\$13,000), Santa Barbara Police Activities League (SBPAL) (\$41,000), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (\$18,000), and a portion through the ASES grant at La Cumbre JHS. There are two parts of the junior high after school program. The Santa Barbara Police Activities League oversees the after school sports program and the Parks and Recreation Department coordinates community based organizations to provide sport clubs and enrichment classes.

The Police Activities League is in its fourth school year as the main agency for flag football, soccer and basketball leagues for both boys and girls and provides coaches, uniforms, equipment and transportation all at no cost to the youth and their families. Participation has incrementally increased over the years. During our first year on campus, SBPAL averaged approximately 173 youth per day participating in after school sports. There are three league cycles during the school year of soccer, basketball and flag football. Each sport has three days of practice and one game day each week. Participation is contingent on each student maintaining passing grades and turning in a mandatory signed progress report.

During the current school year we are averaging over 250 youth per day. SBPAL hires approximately 23 coaches, referees, and field support staff to oversee the program. Each sport cycle culminates in a tournament on campus or at the SB City College Gymnasium, and medals or certificates are given to all participants.

The Parks and Recreation Department has contract agreements with two non-profits, Club West and BiCi Centro, to provide free or scholarship funded programs. Club West (22 participants) provides a fall cross-country running program which culminates with an intramural track meet at Elings Park. BiCi Centro (30 participants), sponsored by the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition, meets 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. two times per week for six weeks at Goleta Valley, La Colina and Santa Barbara Junior Highs. Cyclists learn bike safety, braking and safe handling skills as well as bike repair. Sessions are taught in the fall and spring by accredited Safe Cycling instructors. Students who do not own a bike may earn one.

Laurie Parker, Police Activities League Executive Director, and Terry Brown, City Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities

Summer Drop-In Recreation: The City of Santa Barbara offers a free all day summer recreation program, Summer Drop-in Fun, at three elementary schools. Last summer, 665 children participated in the program held at Franklin, McKinley, and Harding school sites, an 8% increase over 614 in summer 2010. Children flocked to the school sites to be part of a variety of recreation activities including; sports, arts and crafts, field trips, and theme events. Free lunch was provided at all three sites by the District's Summer Food Service Program. Participation increased by 9%, up from a 6% increase the previous year, and is attributed to the poor economy and more families needing "affordable" programs all summer long. Franklin and McKinley averaged 150 participants per day. A free junior counselor (JC) program was added this year for students entering 7th grade up through high school. To qualify for the JC program, students had to receive a letter of recommendation from their Principal and attend an orientation and training program.

Terry Brown, City Recreation Supervisor/Youth Activities

Ranger Program: The School District contracts with the City for campus security services provided by Park Rangers on evening and weekends. Rangers conducted 1,212 school visits during the period of July 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. During this time period Rangers discovered and documented 15 instances of vandalism on various campuses. Incidents of note include the following:

- Rangers worked hard to keep unauthorized soccer players off of school fields and several groups of unauthorized soccer players were removed from school fields, including several on rainy/muddy days;
- Rangers observed a man selling adult magazines as part of the Santa Barbara High School Saturday swap meet and another man stealing electrical power from the Library electrical receptacles during the same swap meet session. Rangers warned both subjects and advised the school principal of the issue;
- Multiple cases of vandalism including one event involving three separate broken windows at Santa Barbara High School that could have been used to access the school buildings if it had not been discovered and the windows boarded up;
- Rangers observed a sick and possibly rabid squirrel in the play area at Monroe School and advised the school principal of the sighting;
- Rangers were on patrol at Cleveland School and observed two subjects on the campus who fled when rangers approached; they checked the area and discovered a 4 inch folding knife on the ground and they disposed of the weapon;
- Rangers observed four subjects drinking on the Santa Barbara High School campus and all four subjects, three of whom were under 21 years old, were issued citations and evicted;

- Rangers responded with the Police Department to a call of a subject possibly attempting to lure a child into his van and opened the gate to allow access for responding officers; though there was not enough evidence to charge the subject with a crime so he was warned and evicted, and Rangers passed his information along to School District Personnel because it appeared that the subject had been part of the Saturday “swap meet” the previous day;
- Rangers observed a group of sprinklers that had been left on for at least two days in one of the courtyards at Santa Barbara High School and called School Maintenance personnel and advised them;
- Rangers found a speaker/iPod system belonging to one of the school dance clubs in a courtyard unattended and turned it over to maintenance personnel.

The following activity occurred during the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2012:

Premise checks	1212
Vandalism	15
Unauthorized sports activity	6
Juvenile groups on skateboards or bicycles	32
Juvenile Problem	10
Drug/narcotic violations	3
Suspicious circumstances	6
Assist the Fire Dept.	6
Maintenance Assists	7

Santos Escobar, City Parks Manager

7. Update on the South Coast Gang Task Force Activity

The following report was prepared by Saul Serrano, Acting Coordinator of Task Force on Youth Gangs, and Fran Foreman, Executive Director, Community Action Commission (CAC) of Santa Barbara County, Inc.

The South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs is a coordinated effort of municipalities, law enforcement, schools and other agencies with the goal of lowering gang activity and gang crimes, and increasing collaboration between organizations. Membership is primarily comprised of elected officials and chief executives from public, private and non-profit organizations and community representation from youth and families.

Some things that the Task Force has accomplished include:

- Formed a Strategy Team with the participation of representatives from the Santa Barbara Unified School District, the Carpinteria Unified School District, the County of Santa Barbara Probation, the County Office of Education, the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), the Community Action Commission (CAC), and the City of Santa Barbara. This team meets monthly with the Coordinator to oversee and guide the work of the Task Force.
- Developed a bilingual website www.youthgangtaskforce.org
- Compiled an extensive Annual Report available on the website above.
- Increased collaboration with the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program. The CalGRIP program has been closely collaborating with the Santa Barbara Unified School District's student outreach program run by Ismael Huerta. Joint field trips have benefitted approximately 50 students. Increased collaboration has also enabled securing additional funding such as a CalGRIP grant for Carpinteria and Lompoc.
- Developed a Resource Crisis Card for police in the field to use as a referral for families and or youth who find themselves in a moment of crisis due to gang violence.

Future projects include:

- South Coast Youth Intervention Project - Dr. Jill Sharkey of UCSB is leading a project for a coordinated information sharing system among schools, probation and agencies for case management, evaluation and to better understand the youth.
- Summer Sports Program - Discussion is underway about organizing an early evening summer sports program in Santa Barbara

The next meeting of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs will be held on:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library
40 E. Anapamu, Santa Barbara CA
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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8. Update on the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance

The following report was prepared by prepared by Danny Kato, City Senior Planner II.

On June 29, 2010, the City Council adopted the amended Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance (Ord. 5226), which included additional location and operational requirements, such as an overall limit of three dispensaries in the City in the following specific areas: Outer State, Mission, West Pueblo Medical, Upper De la Vina, and Milpas.

On May 24, 2011, the City Council adopted an amendment to that Ordinance that would allow previously permitted dispensaries that were nonconforming to location to remain for four (4) years after the effective date of Ordinance 5226, until July 29, 2014. This amendment was done in response to lawsuits initiated in Federal District Court against the City by the two previously permitted dispensaries.

The City had a ballot measure in the November 2010 election proposing a total ban on marijuana dispensaries within the City. The measure failed with approximately 60.64 percent of the voters voting against a total ban.

Currently, there are four permitted medical marijuana dispensaries in the City:

- 331 N. Milpas – Conforming to Ord. 5526
- 16 S. La Cumbre – Conforming to Ord. 5526
- 500 N. Milpas – Nonconforming to location, but allowed to remain until July 29, 2014
- 631 Olive – Nonconforming to location, but allowed to remain until July 29, 2014

On April 12, 2011, the Santa Barbara City Council upheld a decision by the Planning Commission denying issuance of a permit to a dispensary located at 2915 De La Vina Street, which was being operated by Patrick Fourmy. Mr. Fourmy appealed the City Council's decision to the Santa Barbara Superior Court by way of a Writ of Mandate. In November 2011, Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge Colleen Sterne denied the writ requested by Mr. Fourmy and upheld the City Council's decision to refuse to grant a dispensary permit to Mr. Fourmy.

Despite this decision, Mr. Fourmy refused to cease operating the illegal dispensary and the City Attorney's Office was forced to seek a permanent injunction ordering him to stop operating. In March 2012, the Superior Court issued a Statement of Decision in favor of the City ordering that Patrick Fourmy be enjoined from operating the dispensary at 2915 De La Vina Street. Additionally, as part of an earlier Stipulated Judgment between the City and the property owner of 2915 De La Vina Street, the property owner initiated an unlawful detainer action against Mr. Fourmy and is presently litigating the matter in Superior Court in order to evict Mr. Fourmy from the property.

The District Attorney has initiated a criminal case involving drug charges against the operator of the marijuana dispensary located at 331 N. Milpas. The City is awaiting the outcome of this trial before proceeding with a possible revocation of the 331 N. Milpas dispensary permit based on the filing of those criminal charges.

There have been no new applications for medical marijuana dispensaries since the adoption of Ordinance 5526.