



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
February 27, 2009

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATION CENTER
720 SANTA BARBARA STREET

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING (150.05)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Santa Barbara Board of Education President Kate Parker called the joint meeting of the City Council and the Board to order at 1:35 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Mayor Marty Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Das Williams.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

Board Members present: Annette Cordero, Susan Deacon, H. Edward Heron, President Parker.

Board Members absent: Dr. Robert Noel.

Staff present: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Parker.

4. Public Comments

Speakers: Lanny Ebenstein; Jarrod Schwartz and Raquel Bernaldo, Just Communities; Kate Smith.

3. Spanish Translation/Traduccion en Espanol and Headsets for Hearing Impaired

Esperanza Villegas stated she was available for Spanish translation.

5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting

Mayor Blum stated that regular joint meetings of the Council and the Board of Education have fostered good dialog between the two agencies. Board President Parker added that the Board and Council have developed a constant collaboration as a result of these meetings.

Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 11

Documents:

February 27, 2009, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts' Superintendent.

Board President Parker stated that Agenda Item Nos. 6 - 11 have written reports and asked if anyone had questions regarding these items. No questions were asked.

6. Update on Joint City/School District Programs and Agreements

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written report prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Program Manager, and David Hetyonk, School Districts' Director of Facilities and Operations, on behalf of the Joint Use Committee, regarding the following subjects:

- Field Scheduling and Monitoring
- Field Maintenance
- Afterschool Programs
- Ranger Program

Speakers:

Members of the Public: David Pritchett, Kate Smith.

7. Report on School Districts and City Collaboration on Environmental and Sustainability Programs

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written report prepared by City and School Districts' staff on the following:

- Recycling and Waste Reduction
- Water Conservation

8. Report on Status of City Projects

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written reports prepared by City Public Works and Planning Division Staff on the following projects:

- Safe Routes to School Project
- City Construction Projects Near School Campuses
- Proposed Major New Private Development Projects Near School Campuses or Properties
- Plan Santa Barbara

9. Report on Status of School Districts' Projects

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written reports prepared by School Districts' staff for information on the following:

- Career Technical Education Pathways
- Student Achievement
- Next Steps on Implementation of Measures H & I

Speakers:

Members of the Public: Jarrod Schwartz and Alena Marie, Just Communities.

10. Report on Status of Work Underway to Resolve Overlapping City and School District Land Title Interests at Various School Campuses

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written report prepared by Don Irelan, City Senior Real Property Agent.

11. Report on the Status of Efforts to Acquire the National Guard Armory and the Fremont Hall Army Reserve Center

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written reports prepared by Robert Patterson, PARC Foundation Board Member and Co-Chair of The Armory Project Steering Committee, and Don Olson, City Special Projects Manager.

12. Presentation on Response to State Budget Crisis and Economic Crisis

Speakers:

- Santa Barbara School Districts Staff: Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith, Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.
- City of Santa Barbara Staff: Finance Director Robert Peirson.
- Member of the Public: Kate Smith.

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Discussion:

Deputy Superintendent Smith and Finance Director Peirson each made PowerPoint presentations showing both the impact of the collapse of state and local revenues on each agency's budget as well as each agency's proposed response to the crisis. In answering questions from Board and Council Members, Mr. Smith also explained the school funding concepts of Basic Aid and Revenue Limit.

13. Presentation on the School Districts' and City's Collaboration in Response to Youth Violence

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Special Projects Manager Don Olson, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp.
- Santa Barbara County Education Office: Administrator Fred Razo.
- Members of the Public: Cruzito Cruz, Up to Us and La Comunidad; Jacqueline Inda, Esperanza; Eddie Gonzales, Up to Us; Gonzalo Rios, Esperanza; Kate Smith; Layne Wheeler.

Discussion:

City Administrator Armstrong provided background to the effort to resolve the problem of youth violence; he described accomplishments since March 2008, including an inventory of organizations dealing specifically with youth violence, a Summer Program and Bridge Program, and improved collaboration and coordination. Special Projects Manager Olson outlined the development of a long-term strategy to formalize the response to this issue and the formation of a South Coast Gang Task Force. Mr. Razo explained a model for the delivery of services as well as the role of caseworkers and outreach specialists. Also discussed were programs to prevent and intervene in youth violence, and the potential impact of budget cuts on these programs.

14. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda

No suggestions were made for matters to be considered at future meetings.

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK