



MINUTES

JOINT CITY/CLOVERDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, July 20, 2020

Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Subcommittee Members and City Staff:

Chair Marta Cruz, Councilmember	Chair School Board Member Preston Addison
Vice Chair Jason Turner, Vice Mayor	Vice Chair School Board Member Todd Lands
City Manager David Kelley	School Superintendent Betha MacClain
Assistant City Manager/CDD Kevin Thompson	

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Vice Chair Turner read the protocol regarding COVID teleconferences. Present: Councilmember Cruz, Vice Mayor Turner, City Manager Kelley, Assistant City Manager/CDD Thompson, Police Chief Ferguson, and School Board members Lands and Addison.

The new Superintendent, Betha MacClain, will attend the next meeting.

2. **Communications:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Minutes Approved:** Regular Meeting of June 15, 2020

5. **Current Items for Discussion:**

a) Review and finalize the Student Liaison application for the next school year to include increase of \$750 (currently \$500) Councilmember Cruz recommended the increase for the scholarship and requested subcommittee approval and recommendation to Council for a budget amendment and resolution. Discussion ensued and a motion was made to update the resolution and increase the amount to \$750.00 each for this year and next year. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Cruz asked for assistance in promoting the opportunity. Board members indicated that although no applications have been received to date, they can be sent to CMeredith@cusd.org.

Recommendation: Agendize the request to a future City Council meeting, as soon as possible.

ITEMS REARRANGED: 7. Information Only Memos/Announcements: no public comment

a) Scholarship Announcement (Chair Cruz) and b) Food Distribution Initiative (Chair Cruz)

Councilmember Cruz began to discuss the activities that had been going on in the town. The school board objected that the discussion had not been agendized. After discussion it was noted that staff had posted the final agenda online and at City Hall, but the school board was not notified.

b) Plans to Re-open Schools and c) Technology access on long-term planning Board member Addison reported that information changes daily, based on the current direction of the Governor and County Health Officer. To date, schools will continue with distance learning into the fall. Fall

sports have been cancelled through December 14 at the earliest, and programs have been consolidated. The state has shut down sports activities. Chair Cruz asked to be included in the discussion so she can discuss the situation with parents when asked. Board member Addison recommended doing what the school does: email, phone, and do personal contact if needed. He remarked that July is summer vacation, and everyone is off. Regarding laptops, Board member Addison reported there are five students with no access and the school has been unable to communicate with them after numerous attempts.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the cable and internet companies will continue to provide free access, which is unknown at this time. Mr. Addison opined that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) needs to recognize internet access as a basic right as was done years ago for telephones. Students must have internet access and good computers to access Zoom classrooms, which may also create an equity issue, as not everyone can afford a newer, more powerful computer.

Board member Lands reported that 435 parents out of 1200 have responded to a survey. 44% are English language learners, and 2.1% have connectivity issues for distance learning. Chair Cruz requested that the School Board keep the City informed about the progress.

Public comment: None

d) Introduction of new School Superintendent Betha MacClain The new Superintendent was unable to attend, but would be attending the next meeting.

6. Standing Items / Items Continued from Last Meeting:

a) Update on Installation of Three-way Stop Sign at N. Cloverdale Blvd. and North Street City Manager Kelley reported that the City has rumble strips ordered to be installed to assist with traffic slowing. The stop signs are installed. An electronic sign board was put in to notify drivers, and it appears that people are getting used to the stop sign and support it at that location.

Public comment: None

b) Update on Cloverdale Memorial Pool Season City Manager Kelley stated that the County gave the City permission to open the pool in coordination with the YMCA. COVID 19 guidelines were provided, and the hours of operation will be by reservation only. Staff will disinfect often, signage will be installed, and there will be no locker access. Face masks will be required when entering and exiting the building area, and no equipment will be allowed except for individual pool chairs. The regular seating will not be allowed. Day passes will be issued, and the maximum number allowed at a time will be restricted to 25 people. The opening date was not discussed, dates will be confirmed with the YMCA.

Mr. Addison asked if there was an update to the solar heating system, and Mr. Kelley indicated that the County is still going through the machinations to get second contractor, as the County is responsible for the long-term maintenance of the pool.

Vice Chair Turner inquired how applicants go about applying to work at the pool and was told that they need to apply to the YMCA. Chair Cruz recommended making an announcement when the pool opens.

Public comment: None

c) MOU for School Resource Officer City Manager Kelley noted that this is a standing item, and that former Superintendent Decker wanted to move forward with the MOU and had met with Chief Ferguson before leaving for his new position. School Board members expressed concern that they

were not included in the discussion and thought an agreement had been reached to move the item forward to Council. The draft MOU still needs to be reviewed by the City Attorney. Chair Cruz wished to clarify that tasks assigned to the SRO. School Board members stated that there continues to be a need for the SRO. Police Chief Ferguson indicated that he was not aware that the rest of the School Board had not been privy to his meeting with the departing superintendent, and that distance learning and staffing has impacted the position. The School Board wants the MOU completed and approved by Council, as at some point school and campus learning will recommence. The School Board urged the MOU be reviewed for adoption by City Council and the SRO position put in place, as teachers have been pressing for the SRO position. Vice Chair Turner asked for an update, and for Police Chief Ferguson to discuss the challenges and practicality of staffing the SRO at this time. Police Chief Ferguson stated that Police Department staff is currently down due to a vacancy. Board member Lands stated that the MOU may never pass if they must wait for staffing, and that a small percentage of the Measure P (Cannabis Business Tax) was assigned to go to education. It is important for students to be educated on drugs and addiction.

Public comment: None

Recommendation: City staff shall check-in with the City Attorney and prepare an agenda report for the City Council's first meeting in August and highlight the opportunities for input in relation to current events.

d) Update on Proposed Housing Projects and Future Growth. Assistant City Manager/CDD Thompson reported that the Baumgardner design review project will be going to Council August 12, and comments submitted by the School Board will be included along with the recommendation by the Planning Commission. No other projects have been submitted.

Public comment: None

e) Location of Skate Park No reportable updates. Board member Lands inquired if discussions have been held on other properties identified, behind the car wash and across the boulevard from Cloverdale Market and Tian Yuen. Vice Chair Turner stated the discussions are still pending.

Public comment: None

8. Future Agenda Items: None

9. Pending Items: None

10. Good to the Order:

11. Adjournment: Chair Cruz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 to the next meeting date scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.