



Regular Meeting of the City of Newark – Newark Unified School District
City Liaison Committee

Newark Unified School District
5715 Musick Avenue
Newark, CA 94560

Monday, April 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. By City Council Member Mike Hannon. Present were School Board Member Jan Crocker, School Board Member Francisco Preciado, City Council Member Mike Hannon, City Council Member Sucus Collazo, Superintendent Patrick Sanchez, and City Manager John Becker

2. Agenda Approval

3. Public Comment

City Council member Michael Hannon asked if there were any public comments about the agenda items.

a. Nadja Adolf, public member. Asked if there were any plans to sell NUSD school property. Since this committee meets quarterly, she would like to know 72 hours in advance of any meeting.

b. Mr. Marek Yarborough... at recent Board Mtg. it was mentioned that there is some concern about the school district and the city sharing in the maintenance of the property. He would love for city to work in cooperation with the school district regarding the resources at Jr high for park development

c. Susan Condon speaking in support of the installation of the Byington park gate at Birch Grove Intermediate property line. At meeting she actually spoke about having an overpass. She does not support using a gate at the park for the students to access BGI, nor does Ms. Parks.

4. Minutes of January 11, 2017 Meeting

Approval of the minutes, Ms. Collazo moved, seconded by Preciado



Correction to be made by City Manager on the minutes

5. Old Business

A. Birch Grove Intermediate School Traffic (Byington Drive Gate)

Mr. Becker addressed this topic. Trustee Crocker suggested we did not eliminate this possible solution and asked that it be added to this agenda. Sup Sanchez/Ms. Salinas had no comments.

City Member Hannon asked the public if comments and no comments.

Trustee Crocker addressed the possibility of another pick up point for students at BGI. It was discussed and she suggested that we solicit feedback from Principals. She does not want to dismiss until it has a full discussion.

Trustee Preciado brought up that we have not discussed this at a Board meeting to gain feedback.

Trustee Hannon welcomes and tables item for further discussion and can be placed on the agenda.

B. School District participation in new Civic Center Project

Mr. Becker stated that at last meeting, we had this discussion concerning the desire of NUSD to utilizing space in the new Civic Center. The discussion was on 2/7 and on 3/3 the NUSD indicated that NUSD would be able to join the city but did want to keep the door open to share chambers, conference room space. Mr. Becker acknowledged it and thanked Sup via call.

No comments from Sup Sanchez/Ms. Salinas.

City certainly willing to reach out. Revisit issue in the future about sharing of space.

Public Comment - Nadja Adolf. She commented that the city and NUSD have more important things to worry about than the civic center. The NUSD is broke but questions and is concern with spending by the city. She is against naming buildings of politicians when we have bigger issues like someone can be shot in daylight. She does not understand why build a civic center, when there is shopping. Questions no one shops at mall.... shopping centers are folding, we have.... instead of building fancy buildings we should worry about our government and individuals exposing themselves.

Mr. Hannon closed the public testimony



Member Crocker reiterated about NUSD not being in the position to make a purchase of space in the civic center. NUSD is concerned about our current campuses. That said, she has personal interest in the civic center as a service to the public.

Council member thanked the public that voted for the new Civic Center. The city doesn't have an accessible building to provide best service to the public. Funding will come from Sales Tax. It was stated that the AMC Theater ranks in the top 10 and new restaurants are revitalize the area,

C. Update on Memorandum of Understanding between School District and the City of Newark

Mr. Becker stated that the Superintendent and he met and discussed two MOU, SRO and use of MacGregor fields. As stated at last mtg. the field -MOU is 30 years old and while out of date, it has been carried over. The SRO MOU has evolved over the year, different scenarios. Mr. Becker and Mr. Sanchez they met and reviewed the MOU's The SRO MOU was discussed first and a draft MOU to share the SRO at the NJHS and NMHS. The MOU regarding the McGregor field is currently being revised by the city attorneys

Member Hannon reiterated once they both have agreed on the terms

Ms. Salinas, NUSD currently looking at the SRO MOU, appreciates security, will take to Board for review and approval

Mr. Hannon.... asked the City Manager if his plan is to bring to city to review? The City Manager asked if in 60 days they can come to agreement.

Member Crocker, any changed to the McGregor MOU? City manager stated only that it has drastically changed. City Manager suggest that once provided to NUSD, it can be reviewed and ensure it meets both needs.

With regard to SRO, city is proposing equal cost share. In the past, there was a 50/50, then the city paid 100%. He and Mr. Sanchez feel equal split of cost for NJHS and NMHS is appropriate by both parties. A question was raised by Member Crocker regarding DARE programs... City Manager stated only St. Edwards is using DARE.

Public comments:

Nadja Adolf... academic literature states that DARE is not /does not provide a positive outcome. She provided her concerns with regards to DARE



Item closed by Member Hannon

6. New Business

a. Outdoor Events on School District Property

Mr. Becker stated with regard to the Holy festival at NJHS. He heard it was successful. The city was notified only three days in advance of the event. The city worked with the promoter about 15 calls for services. Another concern was hours of operation. A number of complaints regarding noise, parking, towed cars. Residents are not very happy. He shared comment with Sup. Sanchez and Mr. Becker was advised that he was not notified either. In the future, more notice time for the city is needed. A conversation with the promoter indicated that he wants to book site for next year

Mr. Becker advised the promoter to seek other venues in less residential. When you have over 3000 in attendance, NJHS is not appropriate. NUSD was asked to work closer with the city and notification to residents ahead of time

Member Crocker asked what is the usual procedure/what does city require if anyone, not just NUSD hosts events of large size. Mr. Becker replied that the city meets with promoter and reviews requirement. Then, they work with traffic plans, security plans, communication plans

Member Crocker asked if this was usual procedure.

City Manager said yes, the public knows to see the city for requirement

Superintendent Sanchez commented that we can work with our business department and ensure we team with the City and have more communication. We may need to modify our permit process. NUSD could have communicated better.

Member Crocker asked if there is documents listing site use requirements.

City is looking to do a special events permit and will share.

Member Hannon asked if there is a process at NUSD on gaining a permit at one of our schools.

Ms. Salinas responded yes. It starts at the school site

Member Hannon stated that the city does want to attract these events, they just want to be



sure the requirements are met.

Public Comments

Nadja Adolf lives on Christine and stated with regard to the Holy Festival... public She found it less destructive than the softball activities. She shared her concerns with regard to other events held by the city; talked about public being bigotry.

City manager most complains were related

Terri Mariano, a resident living on Lafayette, addressed the city with regard to the ongoing litter left by patrons and making it inconvenient on the street; she also was concerned with regard to garbage

Mark Marciano, lives behind the NJHS. Activities like little league on other schools, and food sales going there are great activities and get people involved. He is a promoter himself and understands these things. We just need to be able to be accommodated from the city.

Marek Yarbourouh...is concerned with the use of baseball fields and the grounds not in good shape. The Schools should enforced no parking on school property.

Item closed.

b. Discussion on name change for the Committee

Member Hannon said they are interested in a conversation about naming the committee.

Mr. Becker... stated that the Superintendent asked for it to be added to the agenda but did not hear any comments from the public.

Member Collazo opened it to the public

Member Hannon clarified that the name of the committee is City of Newark - NUSD Liaison Committee

Becker... talked about expanding the role of the committee.

Member Hannon recommended keep the name same and can be revisited at a later time if Sup wants to input.



Member Preciado does not mind the name, or can be called however, as long as business is being worked on.

Member Hannon stated to keep name the same

7. NUSD Staff Report

A. Ms. Salinas provided an overview of the Dashboard

Member Hannon stated outstanding presentation. He spoke about what the City and schools represent to our kids. He is excited about the presentation.

Public comment from Teri Marciano... asked if PPT is available online... can make it available per Mr. Salinas; Ms. Crocker commented on how the format may be confusing and it takes a while to the new approach. We need a baseline to be able to judge if children getting a good education. There's so much more to education than just one test. It is going to be a couple of year before they know how individual children are doing.

www.caschooldashboard.org... the actual dashboard.

Marek Yarbrough spoke and asked if the numbers behind each of the school are available. Ms. Salinas said yes and he can go to site and drill down. Mr. Yarbrough encouraged city council to review, we can do better.

Closed public comments

Member Preciado asked if city could support to announce NUSD upcoming meetings. Asked if the City and NUSD can reach out to diff. org to help bring in some of the resources and partner up with our classrooms. We need to figure out how to leverage and have them adopt a classroom.

Member Collazo suggested NUSD to collaborate with Ohlone program on STEM programs, she stated a past scenario... encourage hands on/ finding something for someone to sponsor...

Member Hannon stated that we can benchmark on the current test scores, we will continue to see scores go up, we have innovative goals for NUSD and he says these going up... We want to see scores rise.

Closed items



B. Sup Report - Sup Sanchez will provide an update on various NUSD related activities

Ms. Salinas stated our Board and Superintendent include our communities and we got the word out about our school tours by dropping of information brochures at the new developments and city hall and libraries.

Spoke about getting the word out to the community that we have a lot to offer, this is one of our first steps in getting information out there.

We are starting to get new families, from the developments building, touring our schools

Thank to our MOT for city and NUSD with regard to last storms and thanked that everyone came together and thanked city for allowing us to keep schools open.

Member Crocker saw manager Becker out in the evening assessing the damage... and appreciates that we are putting in the work.

Member Hannon provided new public an opportunity to speak on any items on the agenda.

No public comment.

8. Other Business/Announcements

Next meeting sometime in July. There was concern about July as a time since the school district is not in session and most of the vacations are taken at that time. We need to look to September for the next meeting.

Member Crocker thanked Member Hannon for a well-run meeting.

Member Collazo asked if any schools who would like council member to be at any of the schools.

Member Crocker spoke about the importance to have presence at city/NUSD events.

Member Hannon asked if the tour brochure mailed out



Member .Hannon. suggesting to add to quarter letter; he attended Schilling school for Dr. Seuss Day and talked about his experience; Rotary, successfully raised enough money to provide every student in the 2nd grade a new book, will coordinate with NUSD.

Public Comment

Ms. Adolf stated that Scholastic Books are good and low cost.