



**CITY OF NEWARK – NEWARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LIAISON COMMITTEE**

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City Council Chambers  
37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA 94560

**MINUTES**

Monday, January 23, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Chair Collazo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present:

Chair Collazo  
Committee Member Jorgens  
Committee Member Thomas  
Committee Member Zhang – alternate

Chair Collazo noted that Alternate Committee Member Zhang was attending in place of Committee Member Nguyen. Committee Member Collazo served as chair since the previous chair and vice chair are no longer on the committee.

**B. MINUTES**

**B.1 Approval of the August 15, 2022, minutes**

No one from the public requested to speak.

Committee Member Zhang moved, and Committee Member Jorgens, seconded to approve the August 15, 2022, minutes. The motion passed: 4 AYES.

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**D.1 Presentation by Recreation and Community Services Manager on enrichment programs and student outreach**

Recreation and Community Services Manager Cuevas gave the presentation.

Recreation and Community services operates out of five facilities and 15 parks and sport play facilities totaling 131 acres. The Newark Resource Center is in the planning stages and will connect the community with resources and services to improve the health and overall well-being of Newark residents.

Recreation and Community Services offers enrichment programs that are subject-based such as Promotores, senior recreation programs, and preschool; and leisure programs that are recreation-based such as swimming, basketball, and dance classes. A scholarship program covers 75% of the cost to eligible students. This year they have awarded about \$28,000 to eligible families.

Recreation and Community Services also offers special events and community programs throughout the year such as Shirly Sisk Grooving at the Grove, Family Day at the Park and the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting.

Mr. Cuevas is working on further collaboration with the Newark Unified School District and the Alameda County Library to share resources.

No one from the public spoke.

Committee Member Thomas applauded Mr. Cuevas and Newark Recreation for the extent of services offered to the community. In response to Chair Collazo, Mr. Cuevas stated the Activities Guide is sent out quarterly notifying residents of classes and upcoming events. Chair Collazo also asked about the status of the official Mel Nunes sign for the fields at Silliman. Mr. Cuevas replied that he was preparing to send it out for bids.

## **D.2 Follow-up on the progress of the STAR Academy**

Superintendent Triplett reported that the STAR Lab Official Ribbon Cutting was held in December. The lab was renovated and is now open for events, classes, and clubs to meet. It has already hosted 80 classes and club meetings. In February, the Media Communications Academy will host their Annual Silent Film Festival.

## **D.3 Update on active shooter/practice drills**

Superintendent Triplett thanked the Newark Police Department for partnering with the School District to provide active shooter and safety drills to all schools.

Chair Collazo wanted to make sure that all our firefighters and police officers know exactly how the schools are set up. Dr. Triplett stated that the District shared all maps and classroom designs with the Police Department.

#### **D.4 Update on the status of the School Resource Officer Program**

City Manager Benoun stated that the presentation was not yet ready and will be put on a future agenda.

### **E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public spoke.

Committee Member Zhang stated that it was a pleasure to be on the School Board for the past four years, and he enjoyed working with City staff.

Committee Member Thomas suggested that the City host the next two Liaison Committee meetings as the Executive Assistant for the District resigned. City Manager Benoun stated that the City will host the April 17, 2023, meeting when the new officers would be elected. Starting in June, the School District will host.

### **F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **F.1 2023 meetings**

The scheduled meeting dates are April 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday), June 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday), and October 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday). Committee Members had no objections.

#### **F.2 Requests for future discussion items**

Chair Collazo asked if there were any requests for future items. There were no requests. Chair Collazo asked that if anyone had requests later to please submit them least two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Chair Collazo wished everyone a happy new year.

### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Collazo adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Kathleen L. Slafter  
Deputy City Clerk