

JOINT MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
AND THE
TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES

Thursday, May 14, 2015
Torrance Unified School District
2336 Plaza del Amo
Torrance, CA 90501

COMMITTEE	Councilman Kurt Weideman, Chair	Mr. Don Lee, TUSD Board of Education
MEMBERS	Councilman Gene Barnett, Member	Mrs. Martha Deutsch, TUSD Board of
PRESENT	Councilman Mike Griffiths, Member	Education

STAFF MEMBERS
PRESENT

Dr. George Mannon, T.U.S.D. Superintendent
 Dr. Donald Stabler, T.U.S.D. Deputy Superintendent
 Dr. Mario Liberati – T.US.D. Senior Director – Human Resources
 Dr. Nisha Dugal, T.U.S.D. Senior Director – Secondary Schools
 Dr. E Don Kim, T.U.S.D. Senior Director – Elementary Schools

Mary K. Giordano, Assistant City Manager
 Sheryl Ballew, General Services Director
 John Jones, Community Services Director
 Aram Chaparyan, Assistant to the City Manager



Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Mr. Lee.

Joint Use Agreement Update

Mr. Chaparyan provided the Committee with a breakdown of the dollar cost of each entity’s use of facilities under the Joint Use Agreement. He indicated the agreement was upside down by approximately \$3,300 owed to the City, and asked the Committee for direction on how to handle those costs. Mr. Lee responded that the agreement is intended to be an exchange of hours, not money, and hoped that some arrangement could be made to accommodate the shortage. Mr. Chaparyan and Dr. Stabler discussed the difference between the way the two entities cover the expenses of facilities usage, and that when the District’s usage exceeds the budget allotted by a specific City department, the City must transfer funds from one department budget to another to make up that difference, whereas the District is a single entity. Mr. Chaparyan said staff was requesting direction from the Joint Committee as to whether such a budget transfer would be recommended. All three of the Committee’s Councilmen indicated they would support City staff in making this kind of budget transfer in order to make up this difference. Mr. Lee commented that, as the District moves forward with the construction of the middle school gymnasiums, high

school auditoriums, and the aquatics center, the inequity in usage between the City and District should be resolved, as the District will have more opportunities for the City to utilize District facilities for their Parks and Recreation Programs, and the District will not require as much use of City facilities due to the availability of their own facilities.

Joint Projects Status Report

Mr. Chaparyan reported the City and District staffs continue to work together on the Joint Projects listed in the report.

TCTv and TUSD:

Mr. Chaparyan introduced Mr. Michael Smith, who addressed the Committee on the TCTv and TUSD joint project. He reminded the Committee that this is an opportunity the City's television channel staff is offering to TUSD high school students, where they may receive course credit in video production through a hands-on experience in working in the City's television studio. Mr. Smith is seeking assistance from the District in developing an appropriate course curriculum.

Mr. Lee and Mrs. Deutsch asked if this was being offered only to high school students or middle school students, as well. Dr. Stowe advised three of our four high schools already have video production programs, and this would be an opportunity to expand those courses. He indicated staff would work with Mr. Smith to develop the curriculum, and that hopefully they would be able to implement the program next school year. Mr. Lee questioned if this would be more appropriate through the SoCal SoCal ROC program or even as a South Bay Enrichment Academy summer course. Dr. Mannon indicated the District would prefer this program be facilitated through them. Furthermore, a question was asked if a program at SoCal Roc could be offered concurrently without creating a problem with TUSD. The response was it would not create a conflict.

Crossing Guards

Mr. Chaparyan and TPD Captain Irvine reported the police department had conducted a survey of the number and placement of crossing guards throughout the City, and made a recommendation to the Traffic Commission to maintain 21 of the 29 current locations, and relocate 8 of those positions to new posts with higher school-aged pedestrian volumes. Captain Irvine said that following public input on the matter at the Traffic Commission Meeting of May 4th, the Commission's recommendation was to add three additional posts due to the increased needs reflected in the survey. The Traffic Commission's recommendation, along with the PDs, will be presented to the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee and the City Council for further review and action.

Mr. Lee and Mrs. Deutsch expressed concern that the survey and decision process was done without adequate notification of the school district. All committee members commended the police department on their decision to conduct the survey, and even encouraged similar studies to be done on a regular basis as demographics and needs change. Councilman Griffiths supported the recommendation that site administrators be included in future studies, as he felt their input would have been beneficial in determining the results. School Board members also commented that the school community looks to them for answers when decisions are made that impact the schools, and for the District staff and Board to find out there was a controversy about this matter through emails from parents, rather than being included from the beginning through discussions with city staff and the police department, created a difficult situation for the District.

Captain Irvine concluded by saying these recommended changes would now be forwarded to the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee and the City Council for further review and action.

Water Conservation

Robert Beste reported the City Council has approved a Level 2 Ordinance prepared by the Public Works Department pertaining to water conservation efforts in the City based upon the state's requirement that municipalities need to reduce their water consumption by 24% due to the ongoing drought. These restrictions will include the following:

- Restriction on watering landscape between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Limit watering to two days a week
- Limit watering to no more than 10 minutes per station
- No watering within 48 hours of a rain event

Mr. Beste said the City is looking to the District to reduce water usage in non-play areas so that we are able to maintain our play areas in a proper condition. He indicated the city is looking into additional grant funding opportunities to extend the Anza Lateral Recycling Program. He also commented that the City falls within two different water districts, and that Metropolitan Water District penalties for violating the ordinance's restrictions have not been determined. Restrictions and penalties for residents within the Cal Water District will be determined by Redondo Beach and Lawndale.

Mrs. Deutsch asked what the difference was between recycled water and regular water? Mr. Beste explained the process for recycling water and stated there is no restriction on the usage of recycled water. Dr. Stabler stated the District utilizes recycled water at many of its sites, and is looking to increase that number.

Oral Communications:

Mr. Lee updated the Committee on the status of the Districts Measure T & U projects.

Council members Weideman, Barnett, and Griffiths all expressed their appreciation for the hard work of the staffs and that they are pleased with the cooperation being shown in the Joint Use Agreement.

Mrs. Deutsch said she appreciated everyone's cooperation in reaching a resolution in the crossing guard matter because it was a very hot topic in the community.

Adjournment:

Mr. Weideman made a motion; Mrs. Deutsch seconded it, to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.