



School/City Liaison Committee

Summary Minutes

Final



School/City Liaison Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

8:15 AM to 9:30 AM
Palo Alto Unified School District Office
Conference Room A
25 Churchill Avenue
Palo Alto

In Attendance:

City of Palo Alto

Bern Beecham, City of Palo Alto, Council Member
Larry Klein, City of Palo Alto, Council Member
Emily Harrison, City of Palo Alto
Steve Emslie, City of Palo Alto
Curtis Williams, City of Palo Alto

Palo Alto Unified School District

Barb Mitchell, Board Member
Mandy Lowell, Board Member
Kevin Skelly, Superintendent
Cathy Mak, Chief Business Officer
Kathy Durkin, Palo Alto Unified School District
Linda Lenoir, Palo Alto Unified School District
Pete Pearne, Palo Alto Unified School District

Other

Samir Tuma, Resident/Parent
Bob Moss, Resident
Sue Dremann, Reporter for the Palo Alto Weekly

Handouts: All handouts can be viewed at 25 Churchill Ave.

Meeting convened at 8:15 a.m.

- **Oral Communications:** None

- **Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2007**
Ms. Mitchell moved to approve. Mr. Klein seconded. Minutes approved 2-0.

- **ABAG Regional Housing Needs Allocation for Palo Alto and Housing Element Requirements**
 - Steve Emslie presented a power point presentation previously presented to Council a week prior.
 - State set goals are set by the Department of Finance.
 - Draft numbers in last July included a factor for increasing employment that was highest in the State.
 - We are currently in the appeal period and in June there will be final numbers.
 - First slide is overview of what housing is and how it fits in the City. It's a portion of the City's comprehensive plan.
 - In June there will be final numbers from ABAG.
 - Housing and Community Development Review to housing element are correct.
 - Policies need to be in place or there will be a penalty.

 - Housing Element Schedule:
 - July 19, 2007: ABAG Executive Board adopts Draft RHNA; start
 - Sept. 18, 2007: City submittal of request for revisions to Draft RHNA
 - Nov. 17, 2007: ABAG responds to request for revisions/comments from jurisdictions; 60 day appeal of revised RHNA begins
 - Jan. 18, 2008: 60 day appeal of revised RHNA ends; Jurisdictional transfer period begins
 - Early 2008: ABAG public hearings on appeal of revised RHNA
 - June 30, 2008: Release of final RHNA; Adoption of final RHNA by ABAG executive board
 - June 30, 2009: Housing element revisions due to HCD

- Housing Methodology Committee Meetings (May 2006 – Jan 2007): Regular Staff attendance at 10 public meetings
 - August 2006: City of Palo Alto emails comments to ABAG staff regarding projections 2007 population estimates to be too high for Palo Alto
 - October 2006: City of Palo Alto responds “Survey of RHNA Data” addressing circumstances specific to the City of Palo Alto in relation to projection 2007 and RHNA statutory allocation factors
 - January 2007: City of Palo Alto comments on the Draft RHNA methodology and projections 2007 with a letter to ABAG and provides public testimony to ABAG executive board.
 - September 2007: City of Palo Alto comments and request for revisions on the DRAFT RHNA with letter to ABAG executive board.
- School District should speak up regarding more housing before January 18.
- District may put together some comments for the City and participate in the public objection in 2008.
- Ms. Mitchell asked if data on past increases on housing could be provided to the District? The City representatives stated it is something that can be provided at our next meeting.
- Mr. Golton said Prop 39 Bond will be a 55% vote.
- It is not the District’s intent to raise the tax rate.
- Mr. Golton said according to the recent survey, 60% of Palo Alto residents said the money from the previous bond has been successfully used locally.
- Ms. Harrison said the City’s June ballot will finance the public safety building.

- **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:**

Update on ABAG

Enrollment Forecast for PAUSD

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.