

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF February 16, 2011

Opening

The School/City Committee held a special meeting in the District Conference Room A at 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

* All handouts can be viewed in the Business Services Office 25 Churchill Ave.

Palo Alto Unified School District Representatives Present:

Dana Tom, Board Member, Committee Chair
 Cathy Mak, CBO
 Bob Golton, CBO and Bond Program Manager
 Amy Drolette, Student Services Coordinator

City of Palo Alto Representatives Present:

Nancy Shepherd, Council Member
 Yiaway Yeh, Council Member
 Steve Emslie, Deputy City Manager
 Rob De Geus, Community Services Division Manager of Recreation

Oral Communications

PAUSD Demographic Trends & Enrollment Forecasts:

Carolyn Tucher: She urges the Board and City Council to work together and land bank. She hopes the District and the City look over the City and identifies areas of high interest based on what they think the enrollment growth will be so that they watch properties for sale before they go on the market. The pressures for Palo Alto continue to grow and if the trends that they are talking about continue for five years were to continue for 25 years or 50 years, they will need all those properties.

Approval of Minutes –
 December 8, 2010

MOTION: Shepherd moved to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2011, meeting. Tom seconded. Minutes were approved 4-0.

PAUSD Demographic
 Trends & Enrollment
 Forecasts

Mak introduced an enrollment report done by the District's demographer and presented to the Board in December. This year, they are particularly interested in the elementary level projections; enrollment grew by 230 students at the elementary level, 74 at the kindergarten level. They will use high enrollment projections for the next five years. Mak said Lapkoff & Gobalet projects they will lose about 75 students when the new kindergarten age law that will take effect in 2012-13, 225 students over a three year period. The Board has asked them to put together a Board Study Session on March 8 and it will primarily focus on elementary enrollment and facilities planning. Mak said they have seen moderate growth at the middle and high school levels. They should expect a growth of about 400 students at each level over the next five years. For next year, they do have the facilities to accommodate growth at all three levels. Tom asked if there is any record of the number of rentals in the City of Palo Alto? Emslie said they do keep track of the number of rentals, but it's probably not on an annual basis, it's probably every five years but he could look into it. Tom said he would be interested because that could be a data point for demographers and the Board to see if rentals are increasing. Shepherd asked if the District is able to determine how many students move in for middle/high schools? Mak said from the research it seems more families with young children are moving in. Shepherd asked if it would be helpful if Emslie provided the District with a sketch of available facilities for the March 8th Study Session? The District said it would be helpful. Klausner said on the historical rollercoaster at the high point (1968) they had less housing stock than they have now and enrollment was at 15,000 and right now enrollment is at 12,000. She would like to know what is different and what is the same as 50 years ago since they have more housing stock now, what is to say they won't go over 15,000; have the demographers tried to answer this question? Mak said she does not know how easy or difficult it would be to go back that far. Klausner said right

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now they see a breakdown by cluster and so is there any way they could see what the breakdown looked like back then? Mak said she did ask them to go back and do more comparisons in the early years. Klausner said they would like information from the City about the ABAG requirements for the March 8 Study Session. Yeh said he is curious about whether the birth rates are higher or lower compared to other high performing school districts. Also, what are the decisions of the baby boomers to stay in place, retire in place versus moving out and families moving back in because I see where they get to the 13,000 figure, but how do they start factoring in the housing turnover? Yeh said he would like know if there is a way to say here is the max, what the scenario of the max looks like when they factor in something else besides new housing. Yeh asked if there are potential ABAG areas of collaboration for the City and the District? Steve said the District helped the City in the past when they were doing their planning the last round. They went through the appeal process and they had a strong letter of support from the District and there was disbelief from ABAG that there was growth in the District.

Teen Mental Health

De Geus said the next public forum is next week, February 24 at 11-1:30 p.m. and one of the topics is Sources of Strength. It is a peer to peer suicide prevention program. They have a subcommittee working on developmental assets and they are working with the police department, talking about communication strategies. Also the second youth forum is being planned. De Geus would like to have a discussion about where they are right now and where they want to go. They don't have a structural base that is sustainable, it is unfunded but there is a lot of good work. He believes they are doing well in some ways, but could do better in others. He would like to get some guidance from the Committee on this.

Drolette said to add to the Sources of Strength, earlier in the fall, both Paly, Gunn, and the Gunn Rock group participated in a collaboration and planning exercise to see if this was something they wanted to take on as a school and both sides at the time were in favor of it, but were concerned about the funding. For it to be fully implemented in the fall they would need to start recruiting students and training students in the spring. They will move forward with trying to find funding for Sources of Strength to get the training to occur. Drolette said today, Jordan staff is going through the gatekeeper training online; JLS allocated a few, and they do have a few for District staff. They highly encourage staff to go through the training. Paly opted for the in person training and they will go through their training on Thursday. Drolette said the developmental assets will be available. They will be presenting to the Board at the March 22 meeting. The District wide results will be aligned with the Project Cornerstone County wide results. They will doing a press release and will be working with the local media. In moving forward for next year, they have done a lot of dialogue with the secondary sites and the elementary sites on health on how to continue to support teen/student mental health. They are looking at a comprehensive mental health school model for K-5. If they could do a preventative approach, how would that look like? They are going to do a request for proposal; there will be a final conversation with the elementary principals to get feedback. They are looking at implementation at the end of May or early June. For the secondary sites they are getting a lot of feedback, Skelly and Drolette will be meeting with ACS soon for a midyear check in assessment on whether they are meeting the needs of students at the schools. They are also looking at additional staffing for guidance counseling at the high school level.

Yeh asked if there is an estimated annual budget for Project Safety Net? De Geus said there is no budget idea. They get some support from the PA Recreational Foundation and they have raised \$80,000 for track watch. Yeh asked would that be a priority for this Committee to discuss a potential annual budget for Project Safety Net? De Geus said there are documents that show what they need and they would be happy to share them with the Committee. Klausner said they would like to hear DeGeus and Drolette's thoughts on how to sustain Project Safety Net at the next meeting.

Update on Stanford Hospital Project

Emslie said they are in the final stages of the Stanford element process. City Council had a study session on January 31 to review the revised proposal; it increased its public benefits package. He said now they are in the final board review and will finish their review over the next 4-6 weeks. Council subcommittee will be engaged in reviewing the detailed drafts of the development agreements, staff teams are reviewing the legal language, and final zoning and land use entitlements

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will be determined by the Planning and Transportation Commission. They will be prepared with a recommendation to Council on the 18th.

Yeh said one reason to have this on the agenda was to find out how this relates to the District? He said as they talk about the long term projections some of this is earmarked for housing and that has some potential impact for enrollment. The other is how active Stanford Hospital and Lucille Packard hospital are with Project Safety Net and what some of the potential long term funding solutions are for community collaborative like Project Safety Net and what options are out there. How can the Stanford hospital project support the Project Safety Net program? Shepherd said maybe the Committee could take up some portion of it and discuss at another meeting. Another thing to add, they have moved the 60,000 sq. ft. building at Hoover Pavilion along Valdez which means there will be no property taxes there for 5 years.

Emslie said there is no mandate to build housing in the development agreement. The money that is set aside is very broad and could be used for a variety of community infrastructure or services and support. Tom asked Mak if she could work with Golton and Skelly to see if the numbers are more firm now on what the increase will be at the Children's Hospital to figure out what the impact is on staffing needs for the hospital school and that could be the staff level or the Stanford Liaison Committee. Klausner asked what exactly are the \$4 million for that Stanford is offering? Emslie said it is under the broad category of non-profit, health related mission and they feel Project Safety Net is an ideal recipient. Klausner said the other is traffic, is there a way the District can be involved in that tiny piece of it? Emslie said the Stanford University has a very active transportation and management system and they have a high trip diversion rate. The backbone of that is the provision of Caltrain passes which is the largest single incentive to divert traffic so they will offer that to the university.

Agenda Items & Date for 2011

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18th at 8:15 a.m. The Committee would like the meeting dates to be on the third Thursday of the Month.

Future Meetings and Agendas

Agenda for March 18, 2011:

Teen Mental Health
Summary of the March 8th Study Session
City of Palo Alto Budget

Potential Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Stanford Development Agreement
Cubberley
Information Technology
Environmental Sustainability

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

