

CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Council Chambers April 22, 2013 6:00 PM

Council Member Kniss
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Fracccionamiento Nautico Turistico
Nueva Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico 63735

Agenda posted according to PAMC Section 2.04.070. Supporting materials are available in the Council Chambers on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

Call to Order

Oral Communications

Members of the public may speak to any item not on the agenda; three minutes per speaker. Council reserves the right to limit the duration of Oral Communications period to 30 minutes.

Closed Session

Public Comments: Members of the public may speak to the Closed Session item(s); three minutes per speaker.

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8

Properties:

Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto 94306 (including 8 acres owned by the City of Palo Alto and remaining acres owned by the Palo Alto Unified School District); and Ventura School site, 3990 Ventura Court, Palo Alto 94306

Agency Negotiators: James Keene, Lalo Perez, Hamid Ghaemmaghami, Rob De Geus, Thomas Fehrenbach, Aaron Aknin, Molly Stump and one or more of the following: Greg Scharff, Nancy Shepherd, Marc Berman, Pat Burt, Karen Holman, Larry Klein, Liz Kniss, Gail Price, Greg Schmid

Negotiating Parties: City of Palo Alto and Palo Alto Unified School District

Under Negotiation: Lease and/or Purchase Price and Terms of Payment

<u>Adjournment</u>

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Library Bond Oversight Committee

City Council Rail Committee

Schedule of Meetings

Tentative Agenda

Public Letters to Council Set 1 Set 2 Set 3

ITEM # 1

Gonsalves, Ronna

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From:

Lewis William < blew42@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Monday, April 15, 2013 6:13 AM

To:

Council, City

Subject:

Cubberley High Options

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Dear council, This is part of a Facebook stream from the Cubberley High group. It has been suggested that I fw this message to Palo Alto City council, so here it is! don't know where the concensus of opinion stands with regard to Cubberley, but here's my two cents worth ;-)

Bill Lewis I think it would be both technically as well as literally feasible to revive Cubberley. I retired from Thomas Downey High(Modesto) a while back. Downey opened in 1952 or 53, Cubberley '56 so they are close in age. While Downey has operated as a high school since opening, Cubberley was only open as a high school for about 25 years, and while is being used for some other purposes, I suspect it may not have suffered the same degree of wear and tear from HS students as Downey did over 50 years. Anyway, they went thru Downey over a period of several years, pumped between \$10 and \$20 million into the project, the result being a nicely rejuvenated campus which retains its tradition. I was in Palo Alto Friday for a 1 to 1 session at the Apple store, swung by Cubberley, it's really not in that bad of shape, noticed the design of classroom wings is even quite similar to that of Downey, must have been the period design of high schools.. I would be willing to bet that Cubberley could be a really comfy and up to date school with the infusion of a similar amount of effort and funds. In addition, Downey was upgraded while school was in session, which no doubt complicated the effort. I'm including a link to a Modesto Bee editorial which seems to address the issue of the costs of building new schools rather than refitting older ones. Many people don't seem to realize what they are getting into when they agree to fund these \$150 million projects...

http://www.modbee.com/2013/04/13/2668030/modesto-area-taxpayers-in-bondage.html

The Modesto Bee | Modesto, area taxpayers in bondage www.modbee.com

When school boards ask voters to approve bond measures to build and upgrade facilities, they always talk about the need to do right by our children. They promise the property tax increase won't be much for the average homeowner.

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Joanne Barczi So Bill Lewis . . contact the PA council!!!!

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Write a comment...

Palo Alto Online: 'Share Cubberley,' advisory committee says

Elizabeth Johnson Lee

Attention all Cubberley graduates,

I attended part of a meeting with the Cubberley Community Advisory Committee last night about Cubberley's future, (web link) http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show story.php?id=28888&e=y

, and most of the ideas expressed while I was there (I left after the first hour) consisted of tearing down all existing structures, tearing up all turf, building underground parking and designing something completely different to provide both a community center and a third high school. That would mean tearing down the totem, doing away with the amphitheater and football field, building in the parking lots . . .

I personally want to have Cubberley preserved for its historical and sentimental value. How many of us Cubberley graduates still live in the area? Cubberley is part of Palo Alto's history, and our history, and it would be great to have us Cougars keep going!

What I'm suggesting is prioritizing historical value over practicality; at least that's how some would see it. How do you other graduates feel? If you care about this issue, please email the Palo Alto City Counsel at city.council@cityofpaloalto.org or the board of education at http://pausd.org/community/board/index.shtml

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Palo Alto Online: 'Share Cubberley,' advisory committee says

paloaltoonline.com

A new high school -- as well as a comprehensive community center -- at Cubberley are possible if the Palo Alto school district and city governments work toward a common vision, a community advisory committee says.

Gonsalves, Ronna

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From:

Tom Jenson <jenson.tom@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 11, 2013 9:01 AM

To:

Council, City

Subject:

Cubberley high school

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I understand that you are considering reopening Cubberley. What wonderful news. I want to remind you that Cubberely was closed due to financial problems. I encourage spending less than was saved by closing the school. The facilities are in place I say go for it and just clean out the old rooms buy some new chairs and machines for the metal and wood shops dig up the pool and once again have a wonderful school in Palo alto