

**CITY COUNCIL/AUSD SCHOOL BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**July 24, 2013**

**Alameda Unified School District  
Marina Conference Room  
2060 Challenger Drive,  
Alameda, CA 94501**

**UNADOPTED MINUTES**

**SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:** The special sub-committee meeting of the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) City/School joint sub-committee was held on the date and place mentioned above.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marie Gilmore at 11:04 AM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Marie Gilmore – Mayor, City of Alameda  
Kirsten Vital – Superintendent, Alameda USD  
Lena Tam – Member, Alameda City Council  
Barbara Kahn – Member, Alameda USD Board of Education  
Neil Tam – Member, Alameda USD Board of Education  
Robert Shemwell – CBO, Alameda USD  
Dennis McDaniels – Alameda Recreation & Park Department  
Amy Wooldridge – Director, Alameda Recreation & Park Department  
Alex Nguyen – Assistant City Manager, City of Alameda  
Dennis Berkshire – Consultant, Aquatic Design

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / GENERAL INTRODUCTION:** City Council Members, Board Members and their respective staff introduced themselves.

**2. Purpose of Subcommittee and Meeting Schedule:**

Mayor Gilmore stated the purpose of the meeting: to have a breakout discussion between the City of Alameda and AUSD School Board and bring these discussions back to each respective board.

The Subcommittee agreed to have staff come together and arrange a schedule for upcoming meetings.

**B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS:**

**1. Discussion of possible long-term solution for Emma Hood and Encinal High Swim Centers.**

The Subcommittee discussed the pools, with staff noting that one 50 meter pool costs about \$5M. This size allows for 17 lanes and would require about 7 acres (3-4 for the pool and another 3-4 for parking). Alameda High School does not have 7 acres available to accommodate such a swim center. One idea is to

have satellite parking with a shuttle to the pool if adequate acreage is not available. The Subcommittee clarified that the pool at Alameda High School is on school district property and does not belong to the City.

The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of locating a pool on the former naval base and the difficulties in transporting/shuttling students for physical education classes.

The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of hosting meets, noting that parking will be an issue when considering at least 2 spectators per swimmer at such events. The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of building a small hotel to accommodate out-of-area swimmers and families

## **2. Discussion of Alameda Little League donation to City of Alameda and Alameda Unified School District to install lights at Rittler and Wood Baseball fields.**

The Subcommittee noted interest in Kofman Auditorium is a separate issue and not part of the pools discussion. The Subcommittee noted that in the event of a major earthquake, only the Kofman lobby and auditorium have been retrofitted aside from the student classrooms. District staff has been directed to look for interim space for the District Office but vacating the site will require fencing around the area. The Board plans to hold larger public meetings to discuss the cost of retrofitting vs. tear down costs.

A member of the public noted that a single swim center would have to figure out how to accommodate students at both comprehensive public high schools.

## **Report on Redevelopment**

With the dismantling of redevelopment agencies, the Subcommittee discussed the City as a successor entity with 80% economic development and 20% affordable housing with the Housing Authority serving as a separate entity. The City will be putting together an oversight Board of 7 members.

The Subcommittee noted the school board has nominated Board Member McMahon to serve on the oversight Board. The District and the City will discuss two agreements - Mastick and the pass through (\$4M) before the oversight Board meetings. Staff will meet at the end of the month to discuss these issues further and are working jointly on a resolution.

## **Tidelands, Eagle Avenue, Next Steps**

The Subcommittee noted the redevelopment agreement between the City and the District is an unusual one and required more engagement and discussion of options.

A member of the public asked about the proposed Project Leaf community garden idea for the former Island High School site on Eagle Avenue. The Subcommittee noted staff is waiting to hear back from the state regarding a \$2.5M grant to develop the property.

The Subcommittee noted that the District must follow the law in terms of how surplus property is disposed of and the District has little control over who owns the property and no discretion to prefer one project over another.

### **Alameda Point Next Steps**

The Subcommittee noted that the disposition strategy will be going before the Planning Board in 12-18 months and that City staff will be consulting with the District to discuss where the District would like acreage. Currently the set aside site is near the proposed business park, and the District may prefer to be located closer to the residential areas. The Subcommittee noted prior to going before the Planning Board, staff will work with the District on the location of the 12 acres; this project is at least 4 years away.

### **Rollover MOU for Pools for 2012-13**

The Subcommittee noted the MOU expired in June and suggested a rollover. The Subcommittee noted that lead abatement is not part of the agreement and added that staff is hopeful some nonprofit and/or community organization would be willing to help support the lead abatement fix.

### **New Business**

None at this time.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

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