



**ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL
and
ANTIOCH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Joint Work Session
7:00 P.M.

September 26, 2002
Nick Rodriguez Community Center

Pursuant to Government Code Section §54952.2 the Agenda for the Joint Study Session between the Antioch City Council and the Antioch Unified School District Board of Education for September 26, 2002 was posted on the door of the Nick Rodriguez Community Center, 213 "F" Street and the Antioch City Council Chambers, 3rd and "H" Streets on September 19, 2002.

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M., and City Clerk Martin called the roll.

Present: Council Members Davis, Kalinowski, Simonsen and Mayor Freitas
School Board Members: Seelinger, Hand and Chairperson Hudson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Hudson led the Council and School Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Herendeen reported the Scholarship Golf Tournament had been extremely successful with a large turnout. She stated this year's fund raiser had garnered \$46,417 bringing the Golf Tournament's seven year total to over \$241,000 for the grant program.

1. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. FACILITIES

- Presentation on Prewett Park Library

Assistant to the City Manager Bill Gegg presented the report stating the emphasis was on obtaining an architect experienced in library design. He presented a slide show of libraries

designed by the architects being considered. He stressed the fact it was the intent of the committee to choose an architect capable of producing a "state of the art" facility, a library that would be high tech, user friendly and be a "presence" in the community.

School Board Member Hand asked if the committee had looked at independent companies who were looking for joint facilities. Mayor Freitas explained the committee was aware of private organizations and would be looking at those in the future. However, he hoped the City would be able to build a landmark library, a library that would not be ordinary. He also expressed the desire for meeting rooms for public use, rooms designed specifically for children, and perhaps a *Kink'o* for copies, and a place for book sales by a reputable book company.

City Attorney Galstan stated they had been contacted by one company who felt they could do a better job than most. City Attorney Galstan further stated a meeting was being arranged between the County Library, AUSD, and City.

- Antioch High School Pool Update

Dolores Long stated the committee was looking for new money sources for the new Antioch High School pool. She stated the goal was to have a competition pool at the Antioch High School equal to the pool at Deer Valley High School.

School Board Member Seelinger and Mayor Freitas both stated they hoped the pool would once again be a community pool, and not be restricted to school use.

Councilmember Kalinowski added the Council was very interested in the old part of Antioch keeping pace with the South East area.

In answer to Councilmember Davis, Dolores Long stated that was a question needing to be answered in the very near future, as it is part of the grant application.

Mayor Freitas noted the City was in the process of making L Street a four-lane road from the freeway to the Marina. Adding, the corner of 18th and L Streets would be a great place to build the facility, depending on the soil stability.

Superintendent Goettsch stated the District was not sure where they were going to locate the new pool. However, he did not see a problem with the corner of 18th and L Streets, adding it would depend on the grant outcome. The Vice-President of the pool committee stated the corner would be a very tight fit, however with some adjustments it would be workable.

- Discussion on a Joint Facilities Use Policy

Acting City Manager Pappas Diáz presented the staff report, after which AUSD Superintendent Goettsch concurred with the report findings.

Councilmembers Kalinowski, Simonsen and Boardmember Seelinger agreed the policy should be kept simple. They also agreed there should not be a charge for the use of each others facilities.

Acting City Manager Pappas Diáz stated the City had sponsored several events, and wanted a means to differentiate between City/School “sponsored” and City/School “use.”

Boardmember Hand felt both entities needed to look at the liability issues.

Councilmember Simonsen stated he felt State laws needed to be checked for liability.

B. PRESENTATION ON CHANGING DIVERSITY IN COMMUNITY – Supt. Dennis Goettsch

Superintendent Goettsch introduced Associate Superintendent, Dr. Lynn Straight, who stated there were a great many adjustments needing to be addressed regarding the changing ethnic populations in the schools. She stated it was incumbent on the District administrators to ensure each teacher in the District received the education necessary to cope with today’s changing and diverse population, adding some things the school deals with is a clash of cultures.

Police Chief Moczulski stated cultural values are responsible for a high percentage of school crimes. He stated last year the Police Department and School District entered into a collaborative to learn how to deal with these changes in our City.

Boardmember Seelinger stated Antioch’s diversity was both scary and a wonderful. Mayor Freitas stated he felt the Multi-Cultural Foundation needed to be regenerated and work with the school and City on this issue, hopefully to provide some direction and insight into how the issue could be resolved.

Councilmember Davis stated education in the school could be given, but he felt real acceptance and compatibility started in the home.

C. JOINT INTEREST ITEMS

- Safety For Students To and From School

Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations, Dane Ruddell, opened the discussion by stating while there were many school hazards, he emphasized the District’s efforts to mitigate as many as possible.

City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt, discussing the red flashing sidewalk blinkers, stated the City was very happy to have the flashing signs adding the cost had been between \$25,000 and \$35,000. In answer to Boardmember Hand, he stated the speed limit in a school zone was set by the State, lowering the speed limit would be hard to enforce as it was a State law.

Police Chief Moczulski stated the traffic and cars at the elementary schools were very hazardous. From an educational point, he suggested sending flyers out to the community.

City Attorney Galstan stated several schools have the added hazard of vending trucks, such as ice cream vendors, increasing the problem, adding the City could pass an ordinance prohibiting

such activity. Consensus among the City Council and the School Board was to direct the City Attorney to draft such an ordinance for adoption.

- Update on Proposed Third High School & Financing Timeline, Site Purchase
Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations, Dane Ruddell, stated as the Antioch Unified School District has reached the point of being considered an impacted district and eligible for grant funding. He stated they had been looking for an appropriate site for several years. He stated the current area being considered was in the eastern part of Antioch. He stated the area was approximately 45 acres, adding while the school could get by with 30-35 acres, 45 acres of suitable vacant land was hard to find, the District was very pleased to have found the site. He clarified the third high school was necessary, with or without FUA#1.

Mayor Freitas asked that Mark Thomas work with both the School District and the City to ensure the safety of the new facility.

- FUA 1 As It Relates to Schools
Superintendent Goettsch stated this has been worked on for over a year. He stated a mitigation agreement had been signed by the four major development companies.

Deputy Superintendent Jerry Macy stated full mitigation had been reached, regardless of the number of homes sold, 100 or 1,000, the mitigation costs were the same. He explained the agreement was based on six units per acre and increased the number of students per home. He added there was a need for another high school whether another house is built in Antioch or not.

Mayor Freitas stated there had been allegations FUA #1 did not mitigate for schools. To the contrary, he stated FUA #1 did not leave the committee until there was full mitigation.

Deputy Superintendent Jerry Macy clarified the first 300 permits must be pulled before the school can start. He stated Brentwood paid for their school with the developer fees. Superintendent Goettsch added FUA #1 would have very little impact on the third high school.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. to the meeting of January 30, 2003 to be hosted by the Antioch Unified School District.

Respectfully Submitted

L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk

Approved:

DONALD P. FREITAS, Mayor

Attest:

L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk