

COUNCIL / AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT: Harness, Gonzalez, Morales

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Barkley, Beltran,
McCloskey, Nunes, Olvera,
Thompson, Uota, Todd

DINUBA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT: Froese, Keel-Worrell, Rojas,
Villarreal

DINUBA UNIFIED SCHOOL STAFF PRESENT: Hernandez

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

ADOPTION OF JOINT AGENDA

The joint agenda was adopted when DUSD Board Member Villarreal motioned and Board Member Keel-Worrell offered a second. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was lead by City Engineer Uota.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public were brought forward.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

DUSD Superintendent Hernandez presented the 2011 Friends of Education Award to the Dinuba Lions Club. Club President Chuck Hulsey was present to accept the award on the Club's behalf.

JOINT MEETING TOPICS

6.1. Senior Meals

Kelly Martin, DUSD Director of Nutrition Services offered a report on the Senior Meals Program. Martin reported that currently 37 meals are being served and she expects to serve up to 50 meals by August. The seniors are pleased with the menu choices. Martin shared that the food is specific to senior nutritional needs and it is fresh using local produce. Containers are also provided for leftovers or take-out meals.

Finance and Community Services Director Nunes shared history about the center saying that two years ago the center received food from the County at a cost of about \$2.25 per meal. The County stopped the meals program for budgetary reasons. The City looked for ways to continue the meals program but budgets have been tight. Nunes shared that she and Martin attend the senior board meetings and together they felt that the city and DUSD could help the seniors. They put together a program that would allow two meals per week for the seniors at the center. The school's charge for each meal is \$4 and the cost is borne by the City for \$2.50 and the seniors at \$1.50 per meal. The meals are nutritious and fresh.

6.2. Joint Grant Applications

City Public Works Director Beltran shared information about recent grants. She shared that a Safe Routes to School grant will be presented at next week's Council meeting for authorization to apply. The applicant must be a local or regional agency who serves as the responsible agency, partnering with a Project Sponsor such as Dinuba Unified School

District. Beltran shared that if awarded the grant would be used for the improvement of crosswalks located at El Monte Way/Palm Dr. and Alta/North Way. Beltran shared that the consultant she plans to utilize is Four Creeks.

Board Member Keel-Worrell asked what is the grant amount.

Beltran said the program reimburses 100% of the project costs and the maximum amount of SR2S funds that can be allocated to any single project is \$1,000,000 for infrastructure projects and \$500,000 for non-infrastructure projects.

DUSD Property Manager Frank Rios said the School District will take the lead in the COPS Grant to obtain a Live Scan. There is a match and staff plans to pursue the annual grant money. Rios shared it takes two to three months to get a response to he feels the district is in a good position to obtain the funds. There is a grant match.

Board Member Froese said he would like to see a collective use for the two agencies. He added the high school needs new tennis courts and the two agencies should work together.

6.3. Bob Barker Sports Complex

Director Nunes shared news about the Bob Barker facility. She shared that it was used during recent inclement weather for sports practices. The goal is to use it year-around. Nunes shared that the community needs teen programs. Nunes shared that the current skate park elements will eventually be moved to the Barker building. Staff has applied for Prop 84 grant funds in the amount of \$1 million dollars for the various programs planned for the facility. Nunes said the City looks forward to sharing the facility with the school district.

6.4. City / School Joint Powers Agreement

Board President Froese shared a brief history of the JPA between the City and the School District and the reason for bringing it forward to this meeting.

Board Member Keel-Worrell asked for clarification as to how facility use fees are calculated and she requested an estimate on pool expenses.

Discussion followed and school staff said they would look into the expenses and report back.

Superintendent Hernandez said we are going to find ways to work with all groups and we need to remain affordable for the community.

Board Member Keel-Worrell brought up the subject of non-residents using the pool and she expressed her feelings against subsidizing recreation costs for them. She asked how the city monitors the pool's use during its aquatic programs.

Sports Supervisor John Carrillo said the pool's use doesn't fall under a residential requirement. He said 95% to 98% of the participants are residents.

Superintendent Hernandez offered that as time goes on the fees may need to be more closely monitored.

Board Member Worrell said the School District should add facilities in "joint use" and add the golf course too.

Director Nunes said the golf course is not currently included in joint facility use. She explained that the golf course is under a private contract with a management company who is responsible for monitoring fees. Staff feels junior golf is valuable and the City is working with the management to create a program for junior golf. She explained that the golf course is funded differently than the general fund.

Superintendent Hernandez said it is healthy to meet and discuss issues. He said he would like to commit to meeting regularly and added that the Joint Powers Agreement is a powerful document.

President Froese said he would like to see our youth use the golf course. He suggested coordinating coaches and the athletic director to help with a golf program. Froese said communication is important.

Board Member Villarreal said it must be cost-effective. She said she appreciates working together and she added, "Communication is key."

Board Member Keel-Worrell said she agrees with President Froese, communication is important and she feels quarterly joint meetings would be beneficial.

Council Member Harness agreed and added that the Senior Meal program is exciting. He looked for the JPA and said the agreement seems reasonable and he expressed interest in meeting with the DUSD Board more often.

City Manager Todd said it would be good if we agree tonight. He said the JPA was started several years ago during Mark Fabrizio's term. He suggested looking at the joint projects and asked how the two agencies could do better and he said it will work out.

City Manager Todd talked about the joint Project House program. He said in the past week staff has worked hard with local legislators to make sure that Redevelopment is protected. Largely legislators want to do away with redevelopment. Todd talked about the trailer bills that will likely pass. The city is in a position to purchase two more lots for future houses. The program is costly but at least we can at a minimum protect the project for now. Todd expressed that he hopes the program will be able to continue.

Discussion continued as to Redevelopment and its effect on the Project House program.

It was motioned by Board Member Villarreal, second by Board Member Keel-Worrell, to approve the Joint Power Agreement with the proposed revisions.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Morales, to approve the Joint Power Agreement with the proposed revisions.

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5. Information Sharing

City Manager Todd said he attended the Flag Day event which was held at Dinuba High School. Todd described the parachutist's descent into the stadium flying the large US flag.

President Froese said he would like to see the Flag Day event become an annual event.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Mike Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk