

CITY COUNCIL/AUSD SCHOOL BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

January 10, 2018
2060 Challenger Drive
Alameda, CA 94501

1. CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL INTRODUCTION: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trish Spencer at 4:01 p.m. City Council Members, Board Members, and their respective staff introduced themselves. The following people were in attendance:

City of Alameda

Trish Spencer – Mayor
Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft – Councilmember
Jill Keimach – City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Andrew Thomas – Planning Services Manager
Debbie Potter – Community Development Director
Amy Wooldridge – Recreation and Parks Director

Alameda Unified School District

Gray Harris – Board President, AUSD Board of Education
Jennifer Williams – Board Member, AUSD Board of Education
Sean McPhetridge – Superintendent
Chad Pimentel – General Counsel
Shariq Khan – Chief Business Officer
Felicia Vargas – Career Technical Education Specialist

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the June 7, 2017 and October 10, 2017 City Council/School Board Subcommittee Meetings were considered:

- A. The City Council and Board Members approved the minutes of the June 7, 2017 and October 10, 2017 Subcommittee Meetings.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT): There were no public comments during this agenda item.

4. CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUES:

- A. Update on the Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Studio Grant Application: Felicia Vargas gave the Subcommittee information on choosing a site for a possible PEG station. One of the reasons Alameda High School was chosen was because there was a classroom available that has its own door to the outside that could be accessed by the public. The room also is able to be closed off to keep campus security in line with AUSD standards. The goal for this PEG studio is to make it as similar to a professional studio as possible. One vision for the space would be to turn what is now the Industrial Arts Building into a Career Technical Education center. Ms. Vargas explained that the application for the grant has been submitted, and the District will hear back in February if the grant application will move forward in the process.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- How it would be a value to AUSD to have students who have gone through CTE programs in

AUSD return as ambassadors for the program after graduation.

- The availability of funding for the PEG studio and the likelihood of AUSD receiving the grant.

B. Estuary Park Update: Amy Wooldridge gave the Subcommittee information about the opening of Estuary Park, which is located at 200 Mosley Avenue at Alameda Point. The grand opening ceremony will happen on January 20th from 10am – 2pm with the ribbon cutting happening at 12pm. There will also be a game played by the Challenger Division of Alameda Little League on the park's opening day. Ms. Wooldridge explained that phase 2 for the park will include a dog park and a neighborhood park. Ms. Wooldridge told the Subcommittee that the park facilities will be available for rental but the rental rates will be slightly higher than the other Alameda Recreation and Parks Department facilities.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- Estuary Park has the first synthetic field in the City.
- Appreciation for Ms. Wooldridge's and ARPD's staff work in getting Estuary Park open.
- The site possibly being used for the "Big Game," which is the Alameda High School/Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School Football game. This game is a very big community event.
- Parking challenges at the site.

C. North Housing Update: Andrew Thomas gave the Subcommittee an update on what is going on with the North Housing site on Alameda Point. Mr. Thomas explained the City got a conveyance from the Navy for 30 acres of property. For the City of Alameda conveyance, 15 acres were then auctioned off, 13 acres were given to the Alameda Housing Authority, and 2 acres given to Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Thomas explained that a reuse plan, which was adopted in 2008, formed the basis for how the land was allocated.

Sean McPhetridge explained that AUSD is currently working with the Navy on the conveyance of the former Miller Elementary School site, but AUSD has plans to wait for infrastructure in the surrounding area to be fixed before taking the property back.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- AUSD is not able to get developer fees from the parcels conveyed to the City.
- AUSD has communicated with developers what sort of infrastructure AUSD would need for the former Miller Elementary School Site to be functional.
- There is a draft Memorandum of Understanding with Carmel Partners regarding sewage systems, power systems, and water systems. Mr. Thomas will send this draft to AUSD.
- Timeline for next steps for the MOU with Carmel Partners.
- Storm drain issues in the surrounding area.
- Roadway issues in the surrounding area.
- The proximity of this new development to Island High School and the College of Alameda.

D. Overview of AUSD Financial Picture: Shariq Khan gave the Subcommittee information about AUSD's financial picture. Mr. Khan explained that as State financing increasing school funding goes up, and when State financing decreases, school districts pass parcel taxes to make up for these budget shortfalls to keep programming consistent. Mr. Khan explained that school districts have to show counties their budgets three years out to make sure districts are budgeting in a way that will allow them to pay their bills for three years. Mr. Khan shared that AUSD recently used monies earmarked for deferred maintenance to help close budget gaps. Mr. Khan stated that 2017-18 is the last year for the district's current parcel tax, Measure A. If the replacement parcel tax, Measure B1, was not

passed in November 2016, the district would have had to make \$12,000,000 in budget cuts to account for the loss of those funds in addition to the money needed to close the ongoing gaps caused by pensions and special education contributions. Mr. Khan explained that AUSD is among the lowest paid districts in Alameda County, and AUSD is now looking for ways to increase employee compensation through budget reprioritization.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- The community's response to talk of cutting programs through budget reprioritization.
- Items that community members are not in favor of cutting, which include the reduction of the 7 period day at Lincoln Middle School and reducing funding for magnet and innovative programs.
- The Board of Education has not identified any specific items to be cut at this time.
- The timeline for public meetings on the budget.
- Districts in surrounding communities are facing the same issues Alameda is.
- The teacher shortage in California and what is being done to recruit and retain teachers in Alameda.
- The high cost of living for AUSD staff in Alameda.

- E. Update on Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) Parking Lot for Use as an Outdoor Basketball Court: Sean McPhetridge explained to the Subcommittee that AUSD was asked to explore using the District-owned property as an outdoor basketball court to help increase the amount of basketball facilities there are on the Island. Shariq Khan stated that his staff did research this potential court, and the cost would be approximately \$100,000 per basketball court to get these courts online for use for youth. Mr. Khan also explained there is not currently a shortage of outdoor courts in Alameda and that the shortage of courts is due to there not being enough indoor gymnasiums to use during the seasons of Alameda Youth Basketball, middle school basketball through Alameda Education Foundation, and the high school basketball seasons, all which run concurrently.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- The topic of court usage should be discussed as a part of the Recreation Committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS: The Subcommittee discussed reviewing the North Housing issue at the next City/School Subcommittee meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The City/School Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.