



"Raising Expectations"

Joint Meeting
Visalia City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia

5:00 p.m. dinner - Grand Board Room (Elected officials and senior staff)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Joint Meeting - Ball Room C/D

Table with 2 columns: City of Visalia and Visalia Unified School District. Lists attendees and their status (present, absent, vacant).

SUMMARY MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your address.

Track 1

1. Presentation by El Diamante Green Club - Kim Loeb, City of Visalia

Kim Loeb, City of Visalia, responded to questions regarding the Green Club and showed a video about recycling that was created by the students and has won an award.

2. Federal Safe Routes to School Grant - Adam Ennis & Chris Tavarez, City of Visalia

Adam Ennis, City of Visalia, presented an update on the grant application that is due next month for the Safe Routes to School. The results are expected in early September. Three projects have been identified which will improve safety for students: 1) Houston at Mooney (Green Acres Elementary); 2) La Vida and Victor (Linwood Elementary and La Joya Middle Schools); 3) Enhanced Lighted

Crosswalks at Annie Mitchell, Mountain View, Pinkham, and Royal Oaks Middle School.

Ennis also gave an update on existing projects that the City is currently working on to benefit schools and provided an estimated timeline for completion.

[Track 2](#)

3. Green Acres Middle School update – Robert Groeber, VUSD

Robert Groeber, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed major summer projects for various schools at VUSD which include roofing, asphalt, painting, electrical, irrigation, flooring and other miscellaneous projects.

4. Willow Glen, Cottonwood and Royal Oaks project – Robert Groeber, VUSD

5. School site traffic circulation – Robert Groeber, VUSD

6. New school construction update – Robert Groeber, VUSD

Robert Groeber, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the plans and construction dates for the New Shannon Ranch Elementary School.

7. Trustee area election boundaries – Robert Groeber, VUSD

Robert Groeber, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the processes used by the district to adopt “by-trustee area” elections commencing with the election in November 2011. The public was given opportunities to comment on the proposed boundaries and considerations were given to population, topography, geography, cohesiveness, community interest, school attendance areas, and demographics.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers and Board members thanked staff for the updates and indicated the joint meetings are necessary for communication between the agencies. The joint meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Link reconvened the City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting from June 20, 2011 in order to complete unfinished closed session business.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, July 18, 2011, 4:00 p.m. Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session – City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, August 1, 2011, 4:00 Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session - City Hall Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

Note: Meeting dates/times are subject to change, check posted agenda for correct details.