

Joint Meeting – Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees/Visalia City Council

February 27, 2006 - Visalia Convention Center – Ballroom B/C
5:00 p.m. Dinner (Grand Board Room - elected officials and senior staff)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting

AGENDA



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council/Visalia Unified School District Board. The Council and Board Members ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome. The Council/Board 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. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your address.

(Agenda items listed below may or may not have written material, if such material becomes available, it will be distributed at the meeting.)

1. School Construction Bond Update – Stan Carrizosa & Robert Groeber, VUSD
2. Cottonwood Creek Elementary Update – Patty Rohman & Myron Sheklian, VUSD
3. VUSD Enrollment Projections/School Attendance Boundaries – Mark Fulmer & Carlyn Lambert, VUSD
4. High School Principal Selection Process – Stan Carrizosa, VUSD
5. El Diamante Swimming Pool Update – Mark Fulmer, VUSD
6. Discussion regarding the feasibility of future joint venture to establish an aquatic facility at a future school site - report to be made at May 2, 2006 Joint Meeting.- Vince Elizondo, City of Visalia.
7. Status Report on the Usage of the VUSD Multi-Purpose Rooms – Vince Elizondo, City of Visalia
8. Visalia Parkway/Demaree to Dans Lane; McAuliff Extension Updates – Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia

9. Presentation of the Council's Youth Leadership Program (slated to begin in May 2006)
- Mayor Jesus Gamboa & Leslie Caviglia, City of Visalia

Upcoming Council Meetings

Monday, March 6, 2006

Monday, March 20, 2006

Work Session 4:00 p.m.

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

707 West Acequia Avenue

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2006 PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS

NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS State "Modernization" Projects*	ESTIMATED COSTS	STATE DOLLARS	BOND DOLLARS
Willow Glen Elementary Improvements – 4 Classrooms /Office	\$629,000	\$377,000	\$252,000
Goshen Elementary Improvements – 8 Classrooms, Restrooms	\$172,000	\$103,000	\$69,000
Mineral King Elementary Improvements – 10 Classrooms, Restrooms	\$469,000	\$281,000	\$188,000
Washington Elementary Improvements – 10 Classrooms, Restrooms	\$1,079,000	\$647,000	\$432,000
Charter Alternative Academy, Packwood Improvements – 3 Classrooms	\$303,000	\$182,000	\$121,000
Green Acres Middle School Improvements – 8 Classrooms	\$879,000	\$527,000	\$352,000
Crowley Elementary School – Two Classroom Replacements	\$440,000	\$264,000	\$176,000
Union Elementary Improvements – Three Classroom Replacements	400,000	\$240,000	160,000
Ivanhoe Elementary School – Improvements of school & Two Classroom Replacements	\$1,045,000	\$627,000	\$418,000
Linwood Elementary School – Eight Classroom Replacements	\$1,439,000	\$863,000	\$576,000
<i>Sub-Total Necessary Improvements</i>	<i>\$6,855,000</i>	<i>\$4,111,000</i>	<i>\$2,744,000</i>

NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS:

State "Modernization" for schools must be at sites that are at least 25 years old and include:

- √ floors, carpet and paint
- √ plumbing, fixtures
- √ roofs, ceilings, electrical
- √ handicap access (A.D.A.)

* Modernization Projects – 60% State up to eligibility, 40% Bond

** New Construction Projects – 50% State up to eligibility

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**	ESTIMATED COSTS	STATE DOLLARS	BOND DOLLARS	DEVELOPER FEE DOLLARS
Elementary School in Northwest #1 – 28 Classrooms, office, multipurpose/café (07-08)	\$17,000,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	
Elementary School in Southeast – 28 Classrooms, office, multipurpose/café (08-09)	\$17,000,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	
Design & Construct New Middle School – 35 Classrooms, Library, Multi-Use, Office	\$28,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	
Green Acres Middle School – Teacher Workroom, Nurses & Adm Office and Locker Rooms	\$1,800,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	
Washington Elementary Multiuse Room – Cafeteria, Teacher Workroom, Nurses & Adm Office	\$1,600,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	
Sequoia High Multiuse Room – Administration, Cafeteria, Teacher Workroom, Nurses & Adm Office	\$1,600,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	
PROJECTS FUNDED WITH DEVELOPER FEES	ESTIMATED COSTS	STATE DOLLARS	BOND DOLLARS	DEVELOPER FEE DOLLARS
Elementary School in Northwest #2 – 28 Classrooms, office, multipurpose/café (09-10)	\$17,000,000	\$8,500,000	\$-0-	\$8,500,000
Union Elementary Multiuse Room and Cafeteria, Classrooms, Teacher Workroom and Offices	\$4,100,000	\$2,050,000	\$1,450,000	\$600,000
Future S/E High School Site	\$2,800,000	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$2,800,000
Urgent Growth Classroom Additions	\$8,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$-0-	\$4,000,000
Future Property	\$5,000,000	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$5,000,000
<i>Sub-Total New Construction Projects</i>	<i>\$103,900,000</i>	<i>\$48,050,000</i>	<i>\$34,950,000</i>	<i>\$20,900,000</i>
<i>Sub-Total Necessary Improvement Projects (pg 1)</i>	<i>\$6,855,000</i>	<i>\$4,111,000</i>	<i>\$2,744,000</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>
TOTAL	\$110,755,000	\$52,161,000	\$37,694,000	\$20,900,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS \$110,755,000
 TOTAL ESTIMATED STATE MATCH DOLLARS \$ 52,161,000
 TOTAL ESTIMATED DEVELOPER FEE DOLLARS \$ 20,900,000
 TOTAL ESTIMATED NEEDED BOND DOLLARS \$ 37,694,000

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 ** New Construction Projects – 50% State up to eligibility

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF VISALIA
FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
APPROVED BY THE VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE
MODERNIZATION OF AGING SCHOOLS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS
No. _____

WHEREAS, the Visalia Unified School District and City of Visalia work closely together as partners to meet the educational, civic and economic needs of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the School District and City hold regular joint meetings of administrative staff, School Board and Council for the purpose of sharing information, conducting joint planning, maximizing effectiveness, efficiencies and the impact of local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Visalia Unified School District has established and maintained an ongoing Facilities Advisory Committee comprised of community members and representatives from City staff for the purpose of advising the governing Board on all matters of school construction, modernization and master facilities planning, and

WHEREAS, the Visalia Unified School District which serves the entire city and communities of Visalia, Ivanhoe, Goshen and unincorporated Tulare County, is a recognized leader in providing top quality education to Visalia and Tulare County students; and

WHEREAS, the achievements have been accrued by the District as a result of visionary leadership from the Board of Education, as well as from staff, parents and members from the District communities; and

WHEREAS, during its long history, the District has benefited from a community which supports its educational institutions by establishing high standards for academic achievement, performing arts and athletics, while at the same time providing the means required to meet those expectations ; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide our local students with the same quality classrooms and school facilities as other California schools, major repairs, upgrades and classroom construction are necessary to ensure these buildings will remain functional for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Visalia Unified School Board of Education has prepared a facilities plan and identified significant repairs, upgrades and classroom construction needs due to increased enrollment that are more than the District is able to fund from currently available sources of annual revenues; and

WHEREAS, the District has sought, and continues to seek, all available outside sources of funding to improve our school buildings, including local, state, and federal grants and state bond funds, and historically, the state requires that local school districts provide local funds as a condition of receipt of state matching funds, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to seek voter approval of a bond measure in order to provide local matching funds for identified school facility repairs, modernization projects and growth needs to relieve impacted schools and avoid overcrowding; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Visalia City Council supports the passage of Visalia Unified School District's School Construction Bond Measure scheduled to be placed on the ballot on June 6, 2006.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion by Council Member _____ and second by Council Member _____, at a regular meeting of the Visalia City Council held on February 6, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

State of California
County of Tulare

Jesus Gamboa, Mayor

Greg Kirkpatrick, Vice Mayor

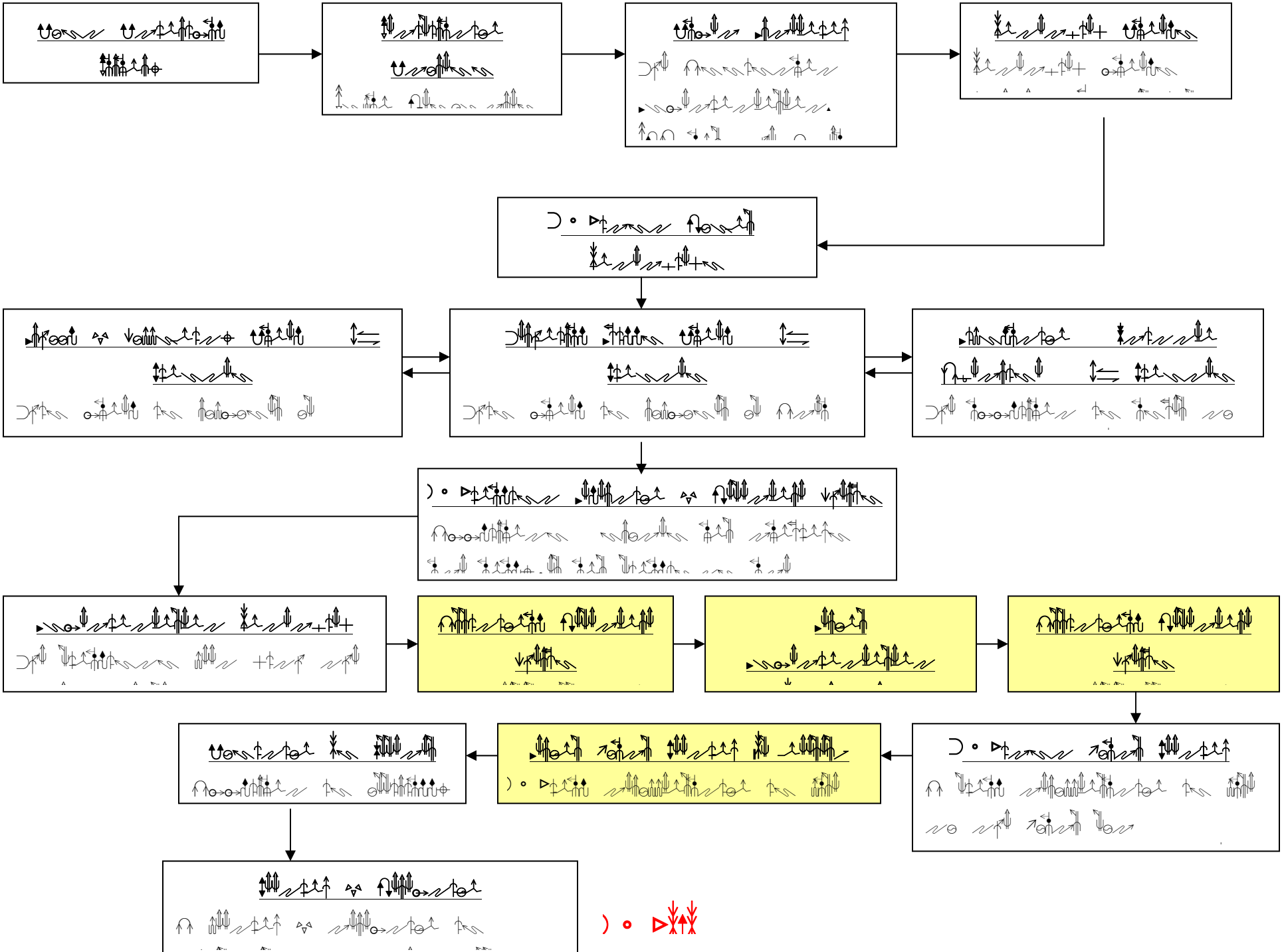
VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
“Raising Expectations“

MEMO FROM
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO: Board of Education, Visalia City Council
FROM: Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent
DATE: February 27, 2006

RE: High School Principal Selection Process - Review

VUSD staff will provide a brief overview of the advertisement, recruitment and selection process for high school principal positions. This spring VUSD is searching to fill vacancies for next year at Golden West, Redwood and Mt. Whitney High Schools.



**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: February 27, 2006

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk):

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion regarding the feasibility of a future joint venture to establish an aquatic facility at a future school site.

Submitting Department: Parks & Recreation Department

Contact Name and Phone Number: Vincent Elizondo, Director of Parks & Recreation

For action by:

- City Council
- Redev. Agency Bd.
- Cap. Impr. Corp.
- VPFA

For placement on which agenda:

- Work Session
- Closed Session
- Regular Session:
 - Consent Calendar
 - Regular Item
 - Public Hearing

Est. Time (Min.): _____

Department Recommendation:

That the City of Visalia and the Visalia Unified School District continue to work on the feasibility of a future joint venture to establish an aquatic facility at a future school site, and that staff be directed to bring back alternatives and ideas for a new aquatic facility at the next joint meeting between the City and the School District.

Background:

Tonight Dr. Fulmer will be providing a briefing on the El Diamante swimming pool project which is projected to open to students in the (Fall of 2006 or the Spring of 2007). The pool will be available as part of the City's summer recreation program in the summer of 2007.

While it is too late to consider any proposed changes to the El Diamante swimming pool, several City Council members expressed an interest in the feasibility of a 50 meter pool.

A 50 meter pool has been mentioned as a desired amenity in the community to accommodate the wishes of the competitive swimming community as well as the potential to attract regional and statewide swim meet competitions. These large swim meets have the potential to provide a positive economic impact to the local business community.

Since the El Diamante pool will not be considered as a site for a 50 meter pool, City staff is suggesting that discussions should begin regarding the feasibility of locating a 50 meter pool at the proposed new middle school or high school campuses in northwest Visalia.

As Visalia continues to grow, City staff is also suggesting that a comprehensive analysis be given to the total aquatic needs of a growing community of over 100,000 citizens.

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To make a few quick points, one of the drawbacks of the current community recreation swim program is that it is a summertime only program --- with the general public having access to the high school pools for 11-12 weeks during the summer season. Access to an outdoor community pool on a year-round basis is something that is desirable by youth competitive swim programs, water polo teams, lap swimmers, citizens wishing to take swim lessons, and other potential special interest swim classes.

The opportunities for increased attendance and revenue go up significantly if you consider moving an aquatic program indoors. In essence, you have a summer time program on a year-round basis. A "warm-water" pool can also be considered with an indoor facility which creates many more programming opportunities for small children, seniors, and the disabled.

Other opportunities for increasing revenues, and minimizing expenses, can include zero-depth entry pools, playground equipment with water elements, and small water slides.

According to school district officials, the additional construction costs associated with a 50 meter pool vs a 25 meter x 33 yard pool (El Diamante) would be an additional \$5 million in capital costs and roughly \$100,000 to \$150,000 in additional annual operation and maintenance costs. School district officials have indicated they do not have the funding for the additional costs associated with expanding a pool from a 25 meter x 33 yard pool to a 50 meter pool.

These topics and other ideas should be more thoroughly explored as we plan for the next community pool.

City Manager Recommendation:

<p><u>Review and Approval - As needed:</u></p> <p>Department Head Review (Signature):</p> <p>Risk Management Review (Signature):</p> <p>City Attorney Review (Signature):</p> <p>Administrative Services Finance Review (Signature):</p>

City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: February 27, 2006

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk):

Agenda Item Wording: Status Report On The Usage Of The VUSD Multi-Purpose Rooms By The City of Visalia.

Submitting Department: Visalia Parks & Recreation Department

Contact Name and Phone Number: Vincent Elizondo, Director of Parks & Recreation, 713-4367

For action by:

- City Council
- Redev. Agency Bd.
- Cap. Impr. Corp.
- VPFA

For placement on which agenda:

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Department Summary:

The City of Visalia and the Visalia Unified School District continue to enjoy an outstanding working relationship related to the usage of public facilities. One such example is the ongoing joint-use agreement (s) between the City and the school district related to the middle school multi-purpose rooms at Divisadero, Green Acres, and La Joya. Over the years, the City has participated in the construction/expansion costs of these multi-purpose facilities which has allowed the school district to leverage additional State grant monies for these projects. In exchange, the terms of the agreement (s) allow the City to use each multi-purpose room for 80 hours per year free of rental charges.

Each year the City Parks & Recreation Department evaluates its needs regarding the usage of the respective multi-purposes rooms for community recreation needs. The factors and trends on how the City will utilize these facilities can change from year-to-year. In years past, the City has used the multi-purpose rooms for youth basketball, youth volleyball, one-day special events, and various youth camps and programs.

This year the City has taken a different and unique approach by combining its 240 hours and allocating the time towards Golden West High School and Redwood High School for the use of their main gymnasiums. The gyms are used for the City's youth basketball and volleyball programs. There is greater benefit for the City in taking this approach as there are three wooden courts at the high school gyms compared to 1 ½ or 2 concrete courts at the middle school facilities. In other words --- there is greater programming capability at the high schools. As a footnote, the City has been using the high school gymnasiums for years for a variety of recreation programs including basketball and volleyball activities.

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It should also be noted that while the rental fee for the use of these facilities is waived --- the City is still required to pay the labor costs associated with a gym monitor/custodian. In addition, the City will pay the required school district fees for any usage above and beyond the first 240 hours per year.

Again, programming needs are evaluated on a year-by-year basis to adjust for the changing needs and trends in the community.

Hopefully, the City and school district can work towards another similar type agreement when the school district initiates plans for its next middle school campus.

Prior Council/Board Actions:

Approval of joint-use agreements for use of the Divisadero multi-purpose room in 2001, the Green Acres multi-purpose room in 2001, and expansion of the La Joya gymnasium in 1996.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):

Review and Approval - As needed:
Department Head Review (Signature):
Risk Management Review (Signature):
City Attorney Review (Signature):
Administrative Services Finance Review (Signature):
Others:

City of Visalia

Memo



To: Andrew Benelli/Visalia City Council

From: Adam Ennis
Public Works Department

CC:

Date: February 16, 2006

Re: Visalia Parkway – Dans Street To Demaree Street

This project will construct the northern portion of Visalia Parkway from Dans Lane to Demaree Street. The project will also install a traffic control signal at the intersection of Demaree Street and Visalia Parkway. The roadway width is expected to be between 36 and 40 feet with one lane in each direction. The following is a tentative timetable for the construction of the Parkway.

1. The environmental study is currently underway and is expected to be completed by March 1, 2006.
2. Right of way Acquisition
 - a. Story property (northeast corner of Demaree St. and Visalia Parkway) closed escrow the end of September 2005
 - b. Acevedo property (northwest corner of Dans Street and Visalia Parkway) closed escrow early October 2005
3. Sanitary sewer trunk line construction has been completed between Demaree Street and Dans Street.
4. Topographical survey for design was completed in early February 2006
5. Design of roadway is currently underway and should be completed by Mid March 2006.
6. Traffic signal design to be prepared in conjunction with street design to be completed by Mid March 2006.
7. Non-Prevailing Wage Agenda Item to Council on March 20, 2006
8. Bid project mid March 2006.
9. Open bids Mid April 2006.
10. Award Project May 1, 2006
11. Contracts signed by end of May 2006.
12. Construction of the project is expected to begin by end of May or beginning of June 2006. A 45 day construction contract is anticipated for the project. The project should be completed by end of July 2006 depending on the weather conditions that are encountered during the construction period.

**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: February 27 2006

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 2

Agenda Item Wording: Presentation of the Council's Youth Leadership Program slated to begin in May, 2006

Deadline for Action: N/A

Submitting Department: Administration

Contact Name and Phone Number: Mayor Jesus Gamboa, 713-4512, Leslie Caviglia, 713-4317

For action by:

City Council
 Redev. Agency Bd.
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Department Recommendation and Summary:

At his acceptance speech in November, Mayor Jesus Gamboa proposed the development of a youth leadership program that would provide an opportunity for Council Members and Senior Staff Members to mentor a high school student. The goal is to expose the youth selected to a variety of experiences that would give them an expanded understanding of their community, and of jobs that they might not otherwise have considered, and to receive input from them regarding issues and activities that are of interest to youth. He presented his concept to the Council and they adopted the program at the regular Council meeting on February 6, 2006.

Attached is an outline of the program. The students will be selected by the School Principals in April, and the program will commence in May with an opening lunch. It will continue throughout the next 11 months, concluding with a closing dinner in April, 2007. It will be reassessed in early 2007, so the Council can consider changes/adaptations to the program, before deciding whether to continue the program with a 2007/2008 session.

The Mayor is asking for volunteers to be the Mentors and hopes that the Council Members and Department Head will, time permitting, commit to working with a student during this initial year. If some cannot participate for personal or work related reasons, volunteers from other senior level staff members will be sought, or the number of participants will be reduced. Mentors will be confirmed before the participants are formally requested. Currently, the program is designed to include students from the four public high schools and two private high schools in Visalia. It is recommended that the participating students live in the Visalia City limits

The Council has budgeted funds for the program, which will include a introductory lunch, a closing dinner, a shirt and up to \$100 per student to cover miscellaneous expenses like tickets to attend significant community events. The program is also designed to provide an opportunity for up to two of the students to attend the League of Cities Conference in the fall to participate in the youth component of the conference. Final determination on whether students should attend the conference, and how those students will be selected, will be determined during the summer, after there has been time to assess the participants.

The School Administrators have been contacted and have agreed, in principle, to the program. Staff is developing the appropriate materials and will provide those items to the Districts so they can select the students and we can garner the necessary parental support in April.

Attachments:

City Manager Recommendation:

Mayor's Proposed Youth Leadership Program Outline

Purpose: To establish an informal youth leadership/mentoring program for high school students who would benefit from exposure to and interaction with City Council and senior staff members.

Objectives: *Expose the students to the decision making processes within the City including City Council, staff meetings, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission and some of the City Committees.

*Provide the students with opportunities to learn about other agencies and organizations in the area including the County, Visalia Economic Development Corporation, College of the Sequoias, Kaweah Delta Hospital District, Downtown Visalians, Chamber of Commerce and others.

*Interact with youth at various youth centers.

*Provide the City Council with feedback on youth issues

Selection: The program would be open to high school students who would be in their junior or senior year during the program. In the initial year, 14 students would be selected by the Principals in each of the High Schools in Visalia (Redwood, Mt. Whitney, Golden West, El Diamante, Central Valley Christian and Visalia Christian Academy). Because of their larger size, the public high school principals would be asked to select up to 3 students, the private high schools would be asked to select 1 student. The principals would be asked to select students who live in the Visalia City limits, and appear to have unfulfilled potential that might be further realized through the exposure and interaction offered through the program. It is recommended that the schools consider diversity when selecting students.

Student

Agreements: Students must be willing and interested in participating in the program, agree to meet with their Mentor at mutually convenient times, and to attend programs, meetings and events as time permits. Student must agree to dress appropriately when meeting with their mentor, (business casual; no tank tops, bare mid-riffs, baggy pants, short shorts, flying of colors, etc.) and to act responsibility and appropriately while participating in the program. If selected, attend the League of California Cities Conference in the fall.

Parent:

Agreement: Parents/guardians must agree to their student's participation and must sign a release form and a medical waiver form that is valid during the program's duration. The parents should assist with transportation to meetings and otherwise assist the student in keeping the commitments made to the program.

Timeline: February, 2006
Presented to Council for approval
Present to schools to obtain their approval and work out selection and timing issues. Work out selection process with Principals
Set up schedule of opportunities that City people might consider doing with their Mentee
Develop simple brochure and registration packet for Participants

April
Ask Principals to make selections

May
Announce the first "class"
Hold the initial lunch

May '06 – April '07
Program Operates

April
Closing Dinner