

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

September 19, 2006 - Visalia Unified School District

5000 West Cypress Avenue

Visalia, CA

5:00 p.m. Dinner (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. Update on City of Visalia Roadway Projects Near School Facilities –Andrew Benelli, COV
 - Visalia Parkway between Demaree & Dans Lane
 - McAuliff between Houston & Mill Creek Parkway
 - Riggin Extension on to St. Johns Parkway

2. VUSD/VPD Partnership – Chief Carden, COV
 - Introduction of Chief Carden
 - Update YSO/VUSD Administrator Annual Opening of School Meeting
 - Update VPD Crisis Response Training for VUSD Site Administrators
 - Report on Gang Intervention Task Force

3. VUSD Summer Facilities Project Presentation – Randy Groom, VUSD

4. VUSD 2006 Opening of School Update – Stan Carrizosa, VUSD

5. VUSD Annual Update: Visalia Civic Facilities Authority – Jerry Walkowiak, VUSD

6. City of Visalia Planning Updates – Mike Olmos, COV
 - a. Northeast Downtown Planning
 - b. Southeast Master Plan Update (noting elementary school site)

7. Finalize Committee Members To Determine Feasibility of an Aquatic Center Project – Vince Elizondo, COV

8. Sports Park Update – Vince Elizondo, COV

Upcoming Council Meetings

Monday, September 25, 2006 Special Meeting
Monday, October 2, 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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**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: September 19, 2006

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 1

Agenda Item Wording: Update on City of Visalia roadway projects near school facilities:

Visalia Parkway between Demaree and Dans Lane
McAuliff between Houston and Mill Creek Parkway
St. Johns Parkway between Dinuba and Conway

Deadline for Action: Not Applicable

Submitting Department: Public Works

Contact Name and Phone Number:
Andrew Benelli, 713-4340

Visalia Parkway between Demaree and Dans Lane

Visalia Parkway was paved on September 5th and opened for traffic on September 6th. The contractor is continuing to work on completing the paving and the other street improvements. This project also includes asphalt curbing and sidewalk on the north side of the Visalia Parkway and a traffic signal at the Demaree intersection. The sidewalk is scheduled for installation during the week of September 18th. The traffic signal poles have been installed but the signal is not operable. The contractor has indicated that he expects the signal to be operational by October 20th.

McAuliff between Houston and Mill Creek Parkway

St. Johns Parkway between Dinuba and Conway

St. Johns Parkway has been paved and is ready to be opened for traffic operations. However, Caltrans (responsible for Route 63) has asked that the City not allow traffic on this segment until the traffic signal is functional. The contractor has not been able to complete the traffic signal because there were utility poles that were in the way. The poles have now been moved and the area is clear to complete the signal. The contractor has indicated that the signal will be completed no later than October 13th. Traffic will be allowed as soon as the signal is functioning.

For action by:

City Council
 Redev. Agency Bd.
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Review:

Dept. Head _____
(Initials & date required)

Finance _____
City Atty N/A
(Initials & date required or N/A)

City Mgr _____
(Initials Required)

If report is being re-routed after revisions leave date of initials if no significant change has affected Finance or City Attorney Review.

Prior Council/Board Actions:

In July 2006, Council awarded the purchase of seven refuse trucks to Central Valley Kenworth and three side-loader bodies to Ruckstell California Sales.

Committee/Commission Review and Actions:

Alternatives: Continue to purchase Heil bodies as a sole source.

Attachments: City of Visalia bid document (cover page only).

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):

I move to award the bid to purchase three front-loaders bodies and one tilt frame roll-off to Ruckstell California Sales in the amount of \$397,887.

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*



**CITY OF VISALIA
REQUEST FOR BID ("RFB")**

RFB NO. 06-07-04

**PRODUCT: THREE (3) FRONTLOADER BODIES WITH CNG TANKS ON BODY AND
ONE (1) ROLL-OFF TILT FRAME WITH AUTO TARPER**

BIDS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 1:00PM, ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006

The City of Visalia expressly reserves the right to modify, or withdraw from, the process initiated and described herein. No rights shall be vested in any party, individual or entity by virtue of its preparation to participate in, or its participation in, such process. The City expressly reserves the right to modify, for any reason, the schedule and any provision contained herein. The City reserves to itself the selection of winning respondent(s), if any, in the exercise of its sole discretion. No binding commitment shall arise on the part of the City to any respondent under this Request for Bid until and unless the parties sign documents of agreement that become effective in accordance with their terms. Responses to this RFB, however, shall be held firm by Respondent for at least ninety (90) days.

**Advertisement Dates: July 12, 2006
July 17, 2006**

City of Visalia

Memo

To: City Council, VUSD Board

From: Mike Olmos, Sharon Sheltzer

CC:

Date: September 12, 2006

Re: East Downtown Strategic Plan Implementation Update



East Downtown Strategic Plan

The East Downtown Strategic Plan is a high priority planning effort to revitalize the east downtown area by creating a regulatory framework to allow uses that complement and expand downtown Visalia. The plan was developed with the assistance of urban design consultant Bruce Race, was accepted by City Council in October 2005 and implementation began in December of 2005. This planning document can be accessed on the City website. The Strategic Plan reinforces the community's sustained efforts to keep downtown as the physical and economic center of the city by complementing its retail and commercial function with mixed residential, office and civic uses. Recommended planning strategies and a supporting action plan provide a roadmap to accomplish these aspirations. A map showing the plan area is attached. The following studies and planning efforts are underway or completed in this first phase of implementation:

- Adopted Interim Zoning Ordinances in the Strategic Plan Area and a smaller contiguous zone to the north, to allow denser and more pedestrian friendly residential office and civic uses in an area presently primarily designated as Service Commercial, to restrict new uses that are incompatible, and to modify parking requirements to encourage more urban development patterns
- Second part of Strategic Plan contract with Bruce Race will produce documentation for future development of the Civic Center blocks within the larger east downtown area, including a public safety building, City Hall and related uses on Oak Street west of Burke.
Completion- 4 months
- Contracted with Bruce Race of RACESTUDIO to develop a Framework Plan for the larger area to the east and north of the Strategic Plan Area, to anticipate and plan for synergistic effects of the East Downtown redevelopment.
Completion- 18 months
- Contracted with Provost and Pritchard to do a hydrology study for maintaining flow in Mill Creek in the Civic Center park area
Completion- Next week
- Contracted with TPG Consulting, Live Oak Associates, Inc. and Crawford, Multari and Clark Associates for General Plan and zoning amendments needed to implement the Strategic Plan, including a biological resources survey.
Completion in phases- next week through 6 months
- Contract pending with EDAW Inc. for a Master Plan for the East Downtown Strategic Area, including landscape and streetscape design, three linked parks with water features and civil engineering for the required infrastructure. This process will include substantial public input and the Master Plan will determine the boundaries of the first phase of development in the area designated for the Civic Center.
Completion- 9 months

Memo

Item 6b

To: City Council & VUSD Board
From: Michael Olmos, Assistant City Manager, Andrew Chamberlain, Senior Planner
Subject: Southeast Area Specific Plan

The Southeast Area Specific Plan is approximately 850 acres located in the southeast quadrant of the city, bounded by Caldwell Avenue, Avenue 272, Santa Fe Street, and Lovers Lane. The site is within the current Urban Development Boundary (126,000 UDB), and is approximately 25, ranging in size from ½ acre to 100 acres.

The City has hired the consulting firm of Moule and Polyzoides Architects and Urbanists, for the development of a New Urbanist plan for the area. New Urbanist planning centers on creating livable neighborhoods with a priority on Traditional Neighborhood Developments including the following:

- Walkable spaces - a priority on pedestrian paths and five minute walks to neighborhood services
- Open space, pocket parks, plazas, formal and informal public spaces for neighborhoods, along with the use of Cameron Creek as a focal point for the plan area.
- Sustainability in design for storm water management and related infrastructure
- Grid or fully interconnected street systems to give drivers more choices for access, while narrowing the streets to slow traffic and create the pedestrian friendly streetscape
- Sustainable neighborhoods including shopping, schools, parks, recreation/open spaces and other neighborhood components

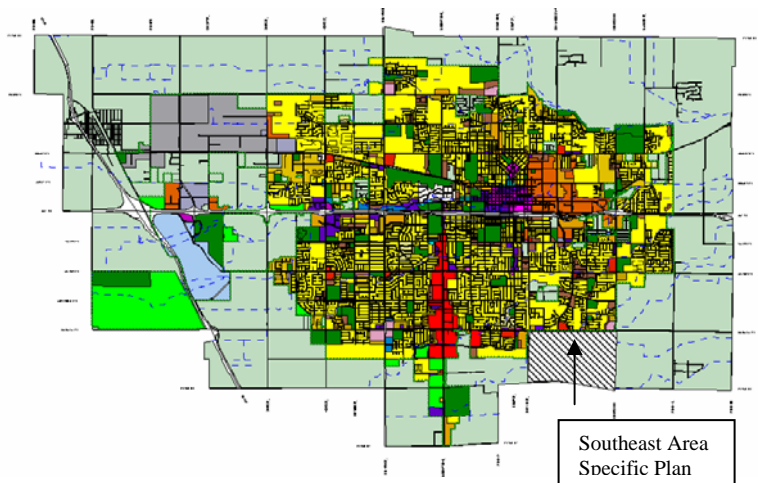
The consultants are joined in the effort by a Task Force comprised of the primary property owners, a representative of the Visalia Unified School District, Kaweah Delta District Hospital, the Building Industry Association, two Planning Commissioners, and two City Council members.

Current Process: The Specific Plan is currently in progress with the following tentative timeline:

- Administrative Draft by September 25th 2006, with Staff/Task Force review approximately two weeks
- Final Draft for review by the public, Planning Commission, and City Council approximately two weeks to culminate in City Council approval to move forward with the enabling portion of the project
- Enabling actions include identifying all needed amendments to the Municipal Code and preparation of the associated Environmental Impact Report
- Final adoption by the Planning Commission and City Council of the Specific Plan, Form Based Code, General Plan Amendments, Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Circulation Element Amendments, and amendments to other City elements and/or master plans

Form Based Code: This plan will use form based code rather than traditional zoning. The form based code is currently planned to have only four Districts within the plan area to promote mixed use and a variety of housing types as a permitted action. The code establishes the physical development envelope for development with required build-to lines rather than setbacks, along with a required architectural styles of a traditional nature such as Bungalow, Victorian, Mission Revival, and Craftsman styles.

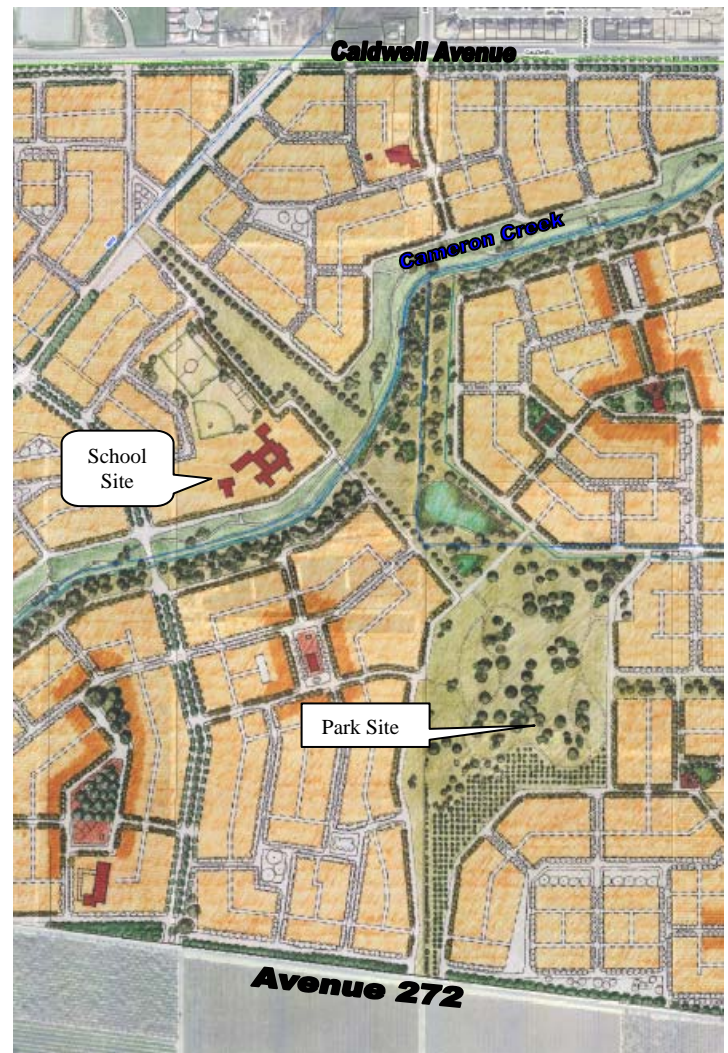
For more information please see the City of Visalia web-site <http://www.ci.visalia.ca.us/> which has a Southeast Area Specific Plan link.



School Location for the Plan Area

The plan area contains one elementary school as directed by the VSUD representative on the Task Force. The school site is located on the north side of Cameron Creek, adjacent to an open space extension of the Neighborhood Park, which is located on the south side of the Creek. The general characteristics of the school site were developed based upon information from VUSD. The school layout is intended for illustrative purposes only and would be subject to the typical school development processes.

- The Specific Plan area is approximately 850 acres, with an expected 15 to 25 year build out timeline.
- Under current City development trends, approximately 3,200 dwelling units could be accommodated in the Plan area. The Specific Plan allows for up to 5,000 dwelling units to be developed in the Plan area, though it is anticipated that the actual number will be closer to 4,200 to 4,500 dwelling units.
- Development would typically happen in phases with the first phase being most of the properties along the south side of Caldwell Avenue, which includes the school site.
- The open space adjacent to the school site on the east is intended for the use of the neighborhood and the school as needed.
- The overall Plan area circulation and local street pattern adjacent to the school is intended to encourage pedestrian access to the school by students. This is reinforced by front-on residential units along the streets for “eyes-on” the sidewalks, and no streets with block walls within the plan area.



City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: September 19, 2006

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 7

Agenda Item Wording: Recommendation to Finalize The Members of the Hoc Committee To Study The Feasibility of a Joint Venture to Establish a Year-Round Aquatic Center in Visalia.

Submitting Department: 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

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Department Recommendation:

Recommendation to finalize the members of the Hoc Committee To Study The Feasibility of a Joint Venture to Establish a Year-Round Aquatic Center in Visalia. The committee will study the feasibility of a joint venture to establish an aquatic facility at a future school and/or City-owned site, and bring back ideas and alternatives for a new aquatic facility at a future joint meeting between the City and the School District.

Background Information:

On May 2, 2006, City staff presented a proposal to the Visalia City Council and the Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of a joint venture to establish a year-round aquatic center in Visalia.

At that meeting, City staff proposed a committee of seven (7) members --- but also pointed out a number of other potential committee members for consideration.

The discussion on potential committee members generated a number of ideas and recommendations. To assist in the process of sorting out the best potential committee members, the City Council designated Greg Collins and the School Board designated Robert Stephenson to meet with City and School staff members to outline a proposed committee for consideration at the next joint meeting.

On June 28, Mr. Collins, Mr. Stephenson, Dr. Mark Fulmer, and Vincent Elizondo met to discuss the committee membership. After a lengthy discussion, the following groups and/or individuals are being recommended:

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- 1 member of the City's Parks & Recreation Commission**
- 1 member of the City's Disability Committee**
- 1 member of the City's Citizen's Advisory Committee**
- 1 member of the School District's Facilities Advisory Committee**
- 1 member of a youth recreation swims team (coach or Board Member)**
- 1 Athletic Director or High School Principal (as designated by the District)**
- 1 Community member at large (Mike Mackey)**
- 1 Community member at large (Frank Bell)**

As potential partners in the project, the group also recommended the following entities as prospective committee members:

COS

Tulare County Office of Education

YMCA

Kaweah Delta Health Care District

As outlined at the February 27, 2006 joint meeting, the El Diamante swimming pool is projected to open to students in the Spring or Fall of 2007. The pool will be available as part of the City's summer recreation program in the summer of 2007.

As Visalia continues to grow, City staff is suggesting that a comprehensive analysis be given to the future aquatic programming needs of a growing community. It is projected that if planning efforts begin now, the next major community aquatic facility could open in four or five years, providing a funding strategy is implemented.

Some of the points made in the last few reports:

- 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.
- City staff suggested that discussions should begin regarding the feasibility of locating a new aquatic center at the proposed new middle school or high school campuses in northwest Visalia --- or perhaps another location in the community?
- 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 9-10 weeks during the busy 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.

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- 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(s).

Staff support will be provided by the City’s Director of Parks and Recreation and the District’s Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, or his designee. The plan would be to invite a few consulting firms that could provide some initial thoughts and/or recommendations to the committee on the issues surrounding the development of a new aquatic center.

At some point, if there is project support, a consulting firm should be hired to work with the Ad Hoc Committee to develop some schematic designs for a new pool complex and develop some initial cost estimates.

<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: September 19, 2006

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 8

Agenda Item Wording: Status Report On The Visalia Riverway Sports Park Construction Project

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

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Department Summary:

The Visalia Riverway Sports Park, located on north Dinuba Boulevard and Riverway Avenue, is still on schedule to open to the general public in the Fall of 2007.

The initial phase of the project will include the development of 48 acres on the eastern side of the park adjacent to Dinuba Boulevard. The total park acreage is 83 acres. The initial phase will include the development of ten (10) soccer fields, of which three (3) fields will have state-of-the-art athletic lighting.

Other Phase I park amenities include a unique one-of-a-kind playground modeled under the nationally recognized Leathers Playground concept; three sheltered group picnic facilities; an interactive water playground; another smaller children's playground; a BMX (bicycle) racing track; concession and restroom facilities; off street parking for 300+ vehicles; a Heritage Courtyard; and many other unique park features.

Most of the park amenities should be completed and in place by late spring 2007 --- but the turf will still need several months to mature to the point that athletic play can be initiated. The City is currently working with the Visalia AYSO in developing facility use schedules for the Fall 2007 season. The City will also be utilizing the fields for adult soccer league play and a variety of different weekend tournaments and community-wide special events.

The City is also working with a local BMX organization to establish a track and organized competitive bicycle racing program that should also begin in the Fall of 2007.

The project landscape architect is the HLA Group from Sacramento, CA. The general contractor is Lewis C. Nelson & Sons from Selma, CA. The construction costs for the initial phase was \$9,010,000 as awarded by the City Council on December 19, 2005.

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Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected)

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Department Head Review (Signature):

Risk Management Review (Signature):

City Attorney Review (Signature):

Administrative Services Finance Review (Signature):

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