

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

August 29, 2005 - Visalia Convention Center - Ballroom C/D
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. Update on Summer Facility Projects - Patty Rohman, VUSD
2. Update on CNG Facility - Terry White, VUSD
3. Update on planning and design of new middle school - Mark Fulmer, VUSD
4. Discussion of new swimming pool at El Diamante - Mark Fulmer, VUSD
5. Update on VUSD School Bond - Mark Fulmer/Stam Carrizosa, VUSD
6. Update on new elementary school at Dans Lane (Cottonwood Creek) - Mark Fulmer, VUSD
7. Civic Center Master Plan Development Update- Bob Nance, City of Visalia
8. Status report on Visalia Parkway from Demaree Street to Dans Lane and south sewer trunk line - David Jacobs, City of Visalia
9. Briefing of Collaborative effort between the Visalia Police Department and the Visalia Unified School District to provide a gang prevention/education program to Visalia Elementary School students, staff and parents - Lt. Mike McGee, City of Visalia

Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, September 6, 2005
Monday, September 19, 2005

Work Session 4:00 p.m.
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
707 West Acequia Avenue

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MEMORANDUM

To: Visalia City Council & Visalia Unified School District Board **ITEM #7**

From: Bob Nance, Economic & Redevelopment Manager, 713-4511

Date: August 29, 2005

Subject: Civic Center Master Plan Development Update

Cc: Michael Olmos, Community Development & Public Works Director, 713-4332
Fred Brusuelas, Assistant Director, Community Development & Public Works, 713-4364

Background:

Selecting the northeast downtown area for the new Civic Center Complex will provide a central, accessible location for governmental services for the community and help support activity in the downtown. A strategic plan for East Downtown currently being completed which emphasizes the importance of this opportunity and provides an urban design context for a new civic center.

The City of Visalia owns over 30-acres in the northeast downtown bounded by Ben Maddox way, Goshen Avenue, Tipton Street and Center Street. The City of Visalia controls sufficient land for the development of the planned new Civic Center Complex plus property that can accommodate other agencies in the complex and perhaps offices and downtown housing.

Master Planning Process:

The City has formed the Civic Center Master Plan Task Force and retained Urban Design Consultant Bruce Race of RACESTUDIO (Berkeley), California, to undertake the preparation of the Master Plan. The master plan preparation process includes community meetings where the public and other interested parties can review, discuss and provide comment on the proposed master plan as it is being developed. A Task Force is assisting Mr. Race and City staff in preparation of the Master Plan. A list of the Task Force members is as follows:

City Council :

Walter Deissler
Don Landers

County of Tulare:

Phil Cox

Visalia Unified School District:

Mike Lane
Alternate Stan Carrizosa

Planning Commission:

Victor Perez
Alternate Sam Logan

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Tom Link

Water Ways Committee:

Bob Brown

Citizen's Advisory Committee:

Donna Orosco

Downtown Visalians:

David Miller

Downtown PBID Committee:

Susan Mangini

A community workshop is scheduled for Tuesday September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center. Citizens interested in shaping Visalia's future are encouraged to attend and participate with the Civic Center Task Force in determining what design elements are important to the community in the new Civic Center area. The Task Force will meet again after the community workshop on September 14th to discuss the results and identify master plan alternatives.

The September meetings will build upon the East Main Street urban design plan and be the jumping-off point for discussions on City space needs, facility concept, land use, parking, open space and flexibility to meet the needs of a 200,000 population. Space and design concepts for buildings housing other agencies will also be considered. The consultant will use the Task Force and community input to prepare for the next meeting in October.

At the October meeting, the consultant will present for Task Force consideration urban design and funding analysis of civic center alternatives with the objective of selecting an overall master planning approach for refinement. The master plan report is to provide guidance regarding urban design, facility programming and financing.

The goal is to finalize the Civic Center Complex Master Plan in either November or December of this year and then proceed to the next steps of selecting architects and commencing building design. The first new facility to be designed and built will be the Police and Fire Administration Offices, later followed by the Civic Center Complex which will house most of the City's other departments.



**City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: August 29, 2005

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 8

Agenda Item Wording: Status report on Visalia Parkway from Demaree Street to Dans Lane and south sewer trunk line.

Submitting Department: Development Services, Engineering Design Division

Contact Name and Phone Number: David Jacobs 713-4492

Department Discussion:

South Sewer Trunk Line

This project will install a sanitary sewer trunk line from Akers Street to Santa Fe Street along the Visalia Parkway alignment. All right of way for the project has been acquired except for the property located at the northwest corner of Visalia Parkway and Demaree Street. This property should be acquired by the first week of September. As a precaution the property owner has signed a right of entry for the sewer line construction.

The project was awarded to George Dakovich & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$2,671,747.00. The contractor has ordered the pipe which is scheduled to be onsite by the end of August. The Contractor is scheduled to begin work on September 6, 2005. The construction of the sewer trunk line should be completed by the end of December 2005.

Visalia Parkway

This project will construct a 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 32 and 40 feet. The width will depend on Air District rules and whether the road is constructed in the middle or north side of the alignment (The Air District requires 4-foot shoulders on roadways without curbing). The preliminary engineering and the environmental review are being prepared and will be ready for review and circulation by the time the final property for the sewer project is acquired. The final right if way acquisition is underway and scheduled to be completed by first week of September. Construction of the project is expected to begin by May 2006 and completed in June or July 2006 depending on the weather conditions that are encountered during the construction period.

Attachments: Visalia Parkway project map

City Manager/Executive Director Recommendation:

08/25/2005
10:45 AM

City of Visalia
Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: August 29, 2005

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 9

Agenda Item Wording: Briefing of Collaborative effort between the Visalia Police Dept. and the Visalia Unified School District to provide a gang prevention / education program to Visalia Elementary School students, staff and parents.

Deadline for Action: None

Submitting Department: Police Dept.

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.):_10__

Contact Name and Phone Number: Lt. Mike McGee, 713-4245

Summary: Visalia Police Officer Rob Zeig who is assigned in the Youth Services Bureau will work with the Visalia Unified School District in a collaborative effort to provide Gang Prevention classes to Elementary School students. This is a pilot program for school year 2005/2006. It is anticipated that the results of this program will be positive. This is the first time a program like this has targeted children in the primary grade level. The Visalia Police Department will be responsible for the actual costs for Officer Zeig (payroll, benefits, and police equipment). The Visalia Unified School District will provide Officer Zeig with office space, telephone, computer, and office supplies. In addition V.U.S.D. will provide printing associated with the lessons and purchase the student workbooks.

Officer Zeig will instruct students in grades 2 through 6 of the dangers of gang involvement. This will include a one-hour presentation to the students, to teachers on in-service training days and to parents in the evenings. Officer Zeig will spend up to one week in each Elementary School, and the one-hour presentations will be given in the following grade levels:

Second and third graders will study from an illustrated book called "Let's Learn About Gangs". This book discusses how important it is to join "good" groups, such as school activities, sports and other organizations. The "Let's Learn About Gang" book was originated and produced by a collaborative effort between the Visalia Police Department and the Tulare County Office of Education. Other topics covered include the dangers of drugs and guns. The students will also be given a coloring book to take home. It also contains a page stressing that each person is important.

Fourth graders will learn about gang history, the significance of colors, gang clothing, and the dangers of gang involvement. Handouts will be given to each student to promote discussion and all questions will be answered.

Fifth and sixth grade students will watch a fifteen-minute video entitled *Dress for Death*, which opens up a discussion about clothing, colors, dangers of joining gangs, and the history of gangs. Handouts will also be given to the students.

The goal in this prevention program is to get to know the students and in doing so, convince them that gang activity is dangerous and not a productive choice for their lives.

Committee/Commission Review and Actions: N/A

Prior Council/Board Actions: N/A

Alternatives: N/A

Attachments: N/A

City Manager Recommendation: N/A

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): N/A

Financial Impact

Funding Source:

Account Number: _____ (Call Finance for assistance)

Budget Recap:

Total Estimated cost: \$	New Revenue: \$	
Amount Budgeted: \$	Lost Revenue: \$	
New funding required: \$	New Personnel:	\$
Council Policy Change: Yes ___	No ___	

Copies of this report have been provided to: N/A

Review and Approval - As needed:

Department Head Review (Signature):

Risk Management Review (Signature):

City Attorney Review (Signature):

Administrative Services Finance Review (Signature):

Others: