



"Raising Expectations"



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

Tuesday, September 18, 2007 - Visalia Convention Center - 303 E. Acequia

5:00 p.m. Dinner - Executive Board Room (Elected officials and senior staff)

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting (San Joaquin B, C, D)

City of Visalia

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa (present)  
Vice Mayor: Greg Kirkpatrick (present)  
Council Member: Greg Collins (present)  
Council Member: Donald Landers (present)  
Council Member: Bob Link (present)

Visalia Unified School District

President: Donna Martin (present)  
Clerk: Michael Lane (present)  
Board Member: Rodney Elder (absent)  
Board Member: Juan Guerrero (present)  
Board Member: Larry Jones (present)  
Board Member: Jim L. Qualls (absent)  
Board Member: Robert Stephenson (present)

**ACTION AGENDA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS**

**CITIZENS REQUESTS - None**

Track 1  
Item 1

**1. VUSD Annual School Report to the Community – Stan Carrizosa, Superintendent, VUSD**

Superintendent Carrizosa gave an updated community report by PowerPoint reviewing VUSD's population, schools, educational program and student achievement, enrollment in music, arts, sports, technical education, expulsion data, drop out rates; and highlighted new facilities within the school district.

Council responded that the district has made tremendous progress towards meeting the API and expressed support for the arts and music programs. Council Member Collins asked that the next update include comparisons against other valley towns.

Track 2  
Item 2

**2. Pinkham/Walnut Signage/Signal Update – Eric Bons, Engineering Department, City of Visalia**

Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer, reported that the traffic engineers anticipate a significant

increase in traffic on Pinkham Street when the new elementary school opens on Pinkham and Laura. Stop signs were installed on the Walnut Avenue approaches on August 28, 2007. The traffic signal is scheduled to be installed before schools opens in August of 2008.

Board Member Jones commented on high speeds that some students drive on McAuliff Street between Mill Creek Avenue and Houston Avenue. Mr. Bons replied that a traffic survey has been completed and the City Council will be asked to reduce the speed zone to 45 miles per hour at the next Council meeting. The district will send information out to parents and students regarding the issue and the Youth Services Officer will provide education to students with the "Every 15 minutes" program at the high schools.

Track 3  
Item 3

3. Youth Service Officers/School Administration 2007 Orientation Meeting - Police Chief Bob Carden, City of Visalia

Police Chief Bob Carden, Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey, Director of Student Services and Lt. Perry Phipps reported on a meeting held August 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the role and responsibilities of the Youth Services Officers. There are nine officers and one Sergeant assigned to the schools.

Mayor Gamboa commented that Neighborhood Youth Counselors through the Youth Centers can reach out beyond the school to the community to help educate parents.

Track 4  
Item 4

4. VUSD Summer Facilities Update - Randy Groom, Director Administrative Services, VUSD

Randy Groom gave an update regarding the construction and maintenance projects that were completed over the summer.

Track 5  
Item 5

5. Update on Riverway Sports Park Opening - Vince Elizondo, Director Parks and Recreation, City of Visalia

The grand opening of the Sports Park facility was August 25, 2007. There were over 5000 people who visited the park throughout the day. Vince Elizondo reported on the major users of the park.

Council Members and Board Members reported that the facility is beautiful and an asset to the City of Visalia. The possible addition of a fitness circuit training (PARS Course) was discussed.

Track 6  
Item 6

6. Police Sub-Station Openings Update - Police Chief Bob Carden, City of Visalia

Police Chief Bob Carden announced that the two new Police Sub-stations are now operational. An open house for sub-station 2, located at 4100 S. County Center, will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

7. Gang Suppression, Intervention, and Education Update – Police Chief Bob Carden, City of Visalia

Police Chief Bob Carden discussed the spike in gang violence in July and the efforts of the VPD for gang suppression, intervention, and education, and that the City is being proactive in dealing with gang issues.

Council and Board Members expressed that this message needs to get out to the community. Police Bob Carden is available to speak to community groups. October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Visalians Night Out sponsored by the police department.

Closing comments: Council Members and Board Members expressed thanks for the cooperative relationship between the City Council and the VUSD Board of Trustees.

## ADJOURNMENT

### Upcoming City Council Meetings

- Monday, September 24, 2007, 5:00 p.m. - Joint Meeting of Visalia City Council/Tulare City Council/ Tulare County Board of Supervisors/ Tulare Irrigation District/ Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District – Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia
- Monday, October 1, 2007, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, October 15, 2007, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia