



"Raising Expectations"



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

Monday, May 12, 2008
Visalia Convention Center - 303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291

5:00 p.m. Dinner - (Elected officials and senior staff)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting

City of Visalia

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa
Vice Mayor: Bob Link
Council Member: Greg Collins
Council Member: Donald K. Landers
Council Member: Amy Shuklian

Visalia Unified School District

President: Juan Guerrero
Clerk: Rodney Elder
Board Member: William A. Fulmer
Board Member: Larry Jones
Board Member: Michael Lane
Board Member: Donna Martin
Board Member: Jim L. Qualls

Intro
Track 6

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Juan Guerrero

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. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your street name and city.

- 1. McAuliff Street Overcrossing Project at Mill Creek and Evans Ditch and the Visalia Parkway Overcrossing at Packwood Creek Project - Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia

Adam Ennis gave an overview of the projects. Council directed staff to move forward as quickly as possible.

- 2. Safe Routes to School Grants Update - Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia

Michael Carr updated Council and VUSD Board on 3 projects that were submitted. State awarded 2 out of the 3 projects. Four Creeks area received \$238,950 grant funds. Veva Blunt area received \$261,810 grant funds, and the third project near Linwood, west of Whitendale was not funded but staff will be processing a federal grant fund for this area.

Track 8
Update
Only

Track 9
Update
Only

Track 10  
Update  
Only

3. Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue Intersection Signalization – Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia

Eric Bons updated and answered questions concerning the Pinkham and Walnut Intersection Project which was awarded to A/C Electric for \$191,000.

Track 7  
Update  
Only

4. New School Open House (Union School) - Doug Bartsch and Craig Wheaton – VUSD  
*(any written materials will be distributed at the meeting)*

Doug Bartsch and Craig Wheaton gave a presentation on the new schools that will be opened on August 14, 2008. Open house will be held on July 1, 2008.

Track 11  
Update  
Only

5. State Budget Impact Status Update - Christine Statton, VUSD and Eric Frost, City of Visalia

Christine Statton and Eric Bons provided general information of our state budget and how it will effect our organizations.

Track 12  
Update  
Only

6. Overview of Phase II of the Visalia Riverway Sports Park and future neighborhood parks adjacent to school sites – Vince Elizondo, Visalia Parks and Recreation

Vince Elizondo gave a brief overview of the upcoming parks adjacent to school sites.

Track 13  
Update  
Only

7. CALGRIP Grant Update – Visalia Police Chief Bob Carden

Chief Carden provided a CALGRIP updated and answered questions or concerns that the Council and the VUSD Board presented to him.

Track 14  
Closing

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Council Meetings:**

- Monday, May 19, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, June 2, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, June 16, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia

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*Submitted by Susie Alter, Executive Assistant and Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Clerk*