



VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



CITY OF
VENTURA

Liaison Committee

Velma Lomax, Board Member
John Walker, Board Member

Cheryl Heitmann, Councilmember
Christy Weir, Councilmember

David Creswell, Superintendent
David Keebler, President
Dan Paranick, Interim City Manager

Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 3:30 p.m.
Council Conference Room
City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Room 205

MINUTES

Attendees: Cheryl Heitmann, Christy Weir, Dan Paranick, Kathy Rangel, David Creswell, Sabrena Rodriguez, John Walker, Joe Richards, Dave Keebler, Kim Hoffman

Absent: Velma Lomax

The meeting began at: 3:35 p.m.

1. Harry Lyons Park Baseball Fields

Joe Richards discussed plans to renovate the regulation baseball field to accommodate Foothill Tech High School. He mentioned a few remaining outstanding issues that still must be address such as billing for water usage. It was clarified that the City of Ventura does not maintain the field but VUSD staff has been working with city staff on all upgrades.

2. CAPS Media Contract Update

Dan Paranick reviewed the city staff's work on finalizing the agreement with CAPS Media. He discussed the financial information for CAPS TV, the funding sources and the current status of contract negotiations. Christy Weir recapped conversations about having other entities explore funding in their own budgets to assist with costs for services paid totally by the City of Ventura but are utilized by outside organizations. Superintendent Creswell discussed how VUSD is assessing the value of services and also looking into school district facilities that could provide similar services. Dan explained the franchise fees and the formula used to calculate. Joe Richards asked about the iNet fiber optics service which was a component of the CAPS contract years ago. He briefly discussed what services the schools were offered with iNet, but to date, nothing has been implemented. David Keebler stated that he will looking further the iNet service to find reason for the lack of implementation.

3. School Safety Protocols

David Keebler stated that Ventura College has been working to improve current safety protocols since the fire and noted that Ventura College has responsibility for not only the campus but a one mile radius surrounding campus. Sabrena mentioned the safety protocols which were recently put into place at local schools but noted that the focus of local safety has been realigned due to recent local incidents. Superintendent Creswell highlighted the excellent working connection with the City's Police and Fire Chief. He also expressed the need for additional School Resource Officers (SRO) and also a Facilities Master Plan and highlighted how the school board is trying to be mindful of the variables involved with open campuses. Joe added that all current and future safety measures need a funding source. Superintendent Creswell explained how the school board is exploring the use of college interns for social/emotional intervention on campus.

4. Thomas Fire Update - Impact to schools and students

Superintendent Creswell updated the committee on the recent smoke damage that the district office sustained during the Thomas Fire. He stated that the school district has spent \$8M in scrubbing/cleaning of all offices, classrooms and school grounds throughout the city. David Keebler explained that Ventura College had emergency protocols in place to close all ventilation systems during the evacuation, so smoke damage was kept to a minimum. The committee discussed low enrollment after the fire and the multitude of factors attributed to these low numbers. Dan Paranick provided an update on the Cal Recycle program and also the rebuild permit status for the city. Dan clarified that both VUSD and Ventura College have positions at the City of Ventura EOC when it is activated.

5. City Bus Passes for Students

Sabrena Rodriguez mentioned how Ventura needs to nurture a culture which embraces and utilizes more public transportation. David Keebler discussed a new grant program for the VCCCD system where students with a college ID can use the bus system for free. David discussed plans to install a traffic light and new lanes to ease congestion on Day Rd/Telegraph Rd. Cheryl Heitmann stated that she will look at more opportunities to expand public transit use to schools as she serves on the board for Gold Coast Transit.

6. Traffic issues around the schools and for new housing tracts

The committee agreed to table this item for another meeting.

7. Setting a standing meeting date

The committee discussed establishing a quarterly meeting schedule. Kathy Rangel will work with the respective office to confirm a schedule.

8. Public Communications:

There were no public speakers present.

9. Committee Communications

Dan Paranick stated that the County of Ventura would like to partner with the City of Ventura on the Broadband Feasibility Study through a scope of work and there is a desire to have Ventura College and the VUSD partner in this work as well.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 p.m.