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Meeting Minutes School Liaison Subcommittee

***Chair Nelson Esparza, Board Member Miguel Arias,
Board Member Veva Islas, Board Member Elizabeth
Jonasson Rosas, Board Member Claudia Cazares,
Board Member Naindeep Singh, Board Member Nabil
Khefran, Board Member Nasreen Johnson, Board
Member Magdalena Gomez, Board Member Bryan
Burton, Board Member James Martinez, Board
Member Brandon Vang***

Monday, January 23, 2023

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers (In
person and or Electronic)**

Special Meeting

The School Liaison Subcommittee met in special session in the Council Chamber at Fresno City Hall on the date and time above written.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Esparza called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Board Member Singh arrived at 6:08PM

Present 7 - Chair Nelson Esparza, Board Member Miguel Angel Arias, Board Member Naindeep Singh, Board Member Nasreen Johnson, Board Member Bryan Burton, Board Member Elizabeth Jonasson Rosas, and Board Member Brandon Vang

Absent 5 - Board Member Veva Islas, Board Member Claudia Cezares, Board Member Nabil Khefran, Board Member Magdalena Gomez, and Board Member James Martinez

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

On motion of Chair Esparza, seconded by Board Member Arias, the

Agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Esparza, Board Member Arias, Board Member Singh, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Burton, Board Member Jonasson Rosas and Board Member Vang

Absent: 5 - Board Member Islas, Board Member Cezares, Board Member Khefran, Board Member Gomez and Board Member Martinez

4. Approval of Minutes

[ID 23-179](#) Approval of Minute for September 23, 2019, meeting.

On motion of Chair Esparza, seconded by Board Member Arias, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Esparza, Board Member Arias, Board Member Singh, Board Member Johnson, Board Member Burton, Board Member Jonasson Rosas and Board Member Vang

Absent: 5 - Board Member Islas, Board Member Cezares, Board Member Khefran, Board Member Gomez and Board Member Martinez

5. Member Comments

CHAIR ESPARZA COMMENTS: Thanked city staff for staying late. Recognized the presence of key officials including the Mayor, City Manager, directors, Assistant City Manager, Deputy Mayor, and Police Chief. Noted the committee will address issues impacting the city and schools, and emphasized collaborative efforts between city departments and schools.

BOARD MEMBER VANG COMMENTS: Announced upcoming Sanger Unified School District meeting where the School Liaison Subcommittee board members would be selected.

BOARD MEMBER SINGH COMMENTS: Announced upcoming Central Unified School District Board Meeting where the formal selection of the School Liaison Subcommittee board member would be selected. Excited to collaborate.

BOARD MEMBER JOHNSON COMMENTS: Emphasized the importance of overlapping projects. Highlighted the various campuses within the City of Fresno. Emphasized the collaborative efforts for the betterment of the community and students.

BOARD MEMBER ARIAS COMMENTS: Mentioned the many school districts in District 3 and their needs and concerns. Encouraged formal concerns and inquiries be submitted including those that address sidewalks.

BOARD MEMBER BURTON COMMENTS: Fresno County Board of Education in area 2 with over 50,000 students and expressed encouragement to integrate students into school.

BOARD MEMBER JONASSON ROSAS COMMENTS: Looking forward to finding solutions and positive discussions for the community and our education.

6. Discussion items:

A. Infrastructure and Safety around schools

[ID 23-186](#) Funding

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Inclusion of State Center community College and others be included in school district and administration meetings, Public Service Safety Announcements for all school districts including billboards, and description of funding mechanism.

[ID 23-187](#) Safe Routes to Schools

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Cost and timeline of projects for Adams Elementary and Muir Elementary, amount of Measure "C" funds for school projects and pedestrian infrastructure, potential city contacts for simply school improvements and legal impediments, and projects approved in the Fiscal Year in comparison to previous years.

[ID 23-188](#) Animal Control

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Stray animals creating obstacles for children traveling to school safely, and Animal Center attending school carnivals.

B. School Resource Officers

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Traffic control consisting year-round, police officers ticketing onsite, targeted areas for ticketing, difference between traffic control for venues and schools, and process for reporting incidents at schools

C. After school programs

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Discussion was included with the School Resource Officers above.

D. Green and Blue Space/Joint-Use

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Discussion was included with the School Resource Officers above.

[ID 23-189](#) Coordination with PARCS

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Partnership with students for summer jobs as lifeguards and investing in our children's education and activities, Opportunities for internships for students, and pandemic recovery.

[ID 23-191](#) Urban Greening

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Infrastructure improvements in shared green spaces covered by Measure "P", implementing shaded areas around schools, increasing number of trees planted by City of Fresno and allergy concerns.

E. Common Land Planning Update

[ID 23-190](#) Blackstone Ave Development

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Blackstone corridor development. Radcliffe stadium. GIS mapping and planning. Prospective school sites.

[ID 23-193](#) New Campuses

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Discussion was combined with the Blackstone Ave Development above.

F. Homelessness

[ID 23-194](#) Impact on Campuses

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Impact of homelessness on campuses. Youth homelessness. Resource and jurisdictional responsibilities.

[ID 23-192](#) Youth Homelessness

Subcommittee discussion on this item included: Homelessness on campuses. Youth homelessness. Resource and jurisdictional responsibilities. Infrastructure needs. Collaboration and partnerships.

7. Public Comment

Upon call, the following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee with public comment: Joe Martinez.

8. Adjournment

Chair Esparza adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M.