

Meeting Minutes
CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

September 16, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy City Hall
333 Civic Center Plaza
Conference Room #203
Tracy, CA 95376

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Council Member Dan Arriola.

ROLL CALL:

Dan Arriola, City of Tracy	Tim Spears, SSJCFA
Brian Stephens, TUSD	Lori Souza, City of Tracy
Rob Pecot, TUSD	Alex Neicu, City of Tracy
Jaime Quintana, TUSD	Sekou Millington, City of Tracy
Ana Blanco, TUSD	Octavio Lopez, City of Tracy
Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy	Michael Nimon, City of Tracy
Bob Adams, City of Tracy	Don Scholl, City of Tracy
Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy	William Dean, City of Tracy
Recorded By: Laura Smith, Executive Assistant, City of Tracy	

2. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no comments from the public.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:**

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted from May 20, 2021
- b. The Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted from July 15, 2021

4. **UPDATE ON TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TUSD) ITEMS**

- Superintendent Dr. Stephens gave the following update:

The Public Health Department tasked TUSD employees to get vaccinated by October 27th and rolling it out on October 15th to work out the kinks. There is a shortage of teachers and TUSD pays the highest in the county. The School Board approved to increase the pay for the substitute teachers, as it's hard to find people that want to work, due to location and retirements. Struggling in the food services department, have 27 vacancies out of 100 in our food services but will make sure the children are fed. Ordered 4,000 new computers, and they are 8-9 month out. Devices don't get turned back in or get broken, scrambling to get the items in the kid's hands.

- Director of Facilities & Planning Jaime Quintana gave the following updates:

North School Modernization Project Completion: The project has been completed and TUSD staff working with the Fire Department to finish up items. Students have

returned to the campus and it looks phenomenal. Will plan an open house for a future date.

District Wide Solar Projects/Energy Savings Funding Initiatives: Eleven out of the fourteen sites are up vertical/horizontal and working with PG&E to get them operational and have some dual port EV charging stations.

District Wide Bench/Seating installation: Purchased outdoor benches at record speed so lunches can be hosted outside.

- Lt. Lopez from TPD, would like to schedule a school emergency site walk through and get information on the floor plans and will coordinate with the School Resource Officers and partner with Fire.

5. UPDATE ON JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (JSD) ITEMS

Superintendent Jim Bridges was not able to attend the meeting, therefore no update, tabled the items.

6. UPDATE ON CITY OF TRACY ITEMS

- Public Works Director Don Scholl gave the following update: Arbor Day will be on October 16th, scaled back this year and they will plant approximately 25 trees at Grant Line / 11th Street, East / Tracy Blvd., and if there are any student groups that want to participate please call the Public Works Office 831-6300.
- Parks & Recreation Director Brian MacDonald gave the following update: Free student rides on Tracer, which includes college level, anyone with a Student ID. Ridership down due to the pandemic, an example; in August 2021-1,700 kids compared to August 2019-5,000. Parents working from home or taking the kids to school or riding bikes. Hoping to work with TUSD to get ridership up and will provide a flyer to post.
- Proposed location for new Multi-Gen Center; On August 31st, City Council authorized City staff to begin discussions with TUSD regarding potential of locating the Rec Center at Ceciliani Park. Staff is aware of the proposed location next to Villalovez / Williams, and will consider traffic, regional and community needs.

Council Member Arriola stated that the City Council is committed to building a partnership, Measure V is specifically for these types of amenities, and the students are the biggest stakeholders and it's important to build a partnership.

- Chief Millington gave the following updates:

Upcoming community engagement on Saturday, October 18th, 9-2 partnering with students at Tracy High etch and catch for catalytic converters for property crimes, education and awareness and showcase the youth's talent.

Pills Kill Campaign; Chief Millington met with the District Attorney regarding the rise of overdoses and will partner with TUSD and the DA to combat the county wide issue. Need to educate the young people and work collaboratively with the schools.

The next (YAC) Youth Advisory Commission meeting is October 6th. Want to engage conversation between the youth and the PD.

Lt. Lopez wants to get a unified consistent message with a targeted audience to fill the gap between (D.A.R.E.) Drug Abuse Resistance Education in middle school and high school. Need to identify specific timelines to educate the students and parents prior to the holidays.

Chief Millington has staff working on trauma bags, to deal with active shooters, and wants to educate and train TUSD staff.

Trustee Blanco was concerned about overdoses with regards to recreational use of drugs among the youth. Illegal pills are sold and laced with fentanyl, and PD will get a message out to the youth.

Commissioner Souza is a social worker for the county and discussed her concern about the drug use and sex trafficking in the county.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.