

Meeting Minutes  
**CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE**

February 17, 2022 - 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 1:06 p.m. by Council Member Dan Arriola.

**ROLL CALL:**

Dan Arriola, City of Tracy  
Brian Stephens, TUSD  
Rob Pecot, TUSD  
Jaime Quintana, TUSD  
Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy  
Michael Nimon, City of Tracy  
Michael Rogers, City of Tracy  
Glenda Thornton, SSCFA

Richard Joaquin, City of Tracy  
Nancy Young, City of Tracy  
Anna Cross, City of Tracy  
Sekou Millington, City of Tracy  
Miguel Contreras, City of Tracy  
Jolene Jauregui, City of Tracy  
Don Scholl, City of Tracy

Recorded By: Sheena Stephens, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, City of Tracy

2. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:**

- The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved from November 18, 2021

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

- Brian Stephens, TUSD Superintendent gave the following updates:

Enrollment and staffing – Busy time of year for TUSD. Registration began in December 2021. March 15, 2022 deadline for enrollment. Reduction in staff is in line with the reduction in enrollment. Tuesday night, they will be taking their projected reduction to the Board.

Rob Pecot added that there is about 250 student enrollment decline per year for the 7-8 years and in the last 2-3 years, there have been about 150 student decline in enrollment and they hope that the decline is leveling out.

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

Solar Projects – Projects are in full swing and utilizing max rate. There are 80 chargers already charged/charging. There are 5-7 vehicle chargers already charging on campuses.

Energy Savings Project – Upcoming features with State programs that are forthcoming, PG&E with solar and other various programs and they are looking to maximize funding for various programs. This should be in full swing by next school year.

Preschool/TK/Full Day Kinder Facilities Project – CA Preschool/Kindergarten Full Day Program. Working on including this preschool system into the current school campuses (K-8). Focusing on enrollment.

Brian Stephens added that the State is requiring the District to provide 9 hours of education to students at the kindergarten level. There is a good relationship with the Boys & Girls Club to help with programs. While these extra hours are good for the kids, there is now a need for additional staff training.

Jaime Quintana continued with update about the Villalovoz renovation – They have started with solicitation and have three qualified architects. Renovations of the fire systems/access and refurbishing them.

Jaime Quintana also added that they obtained certification for North School and a professional photoshoot.

Question about the school hours next school year being 9am-4pm and if will affect the after-school program? And Brian Stephens replied that it will probably not affect the elementary schools.

Brian MacDonald asked question about lighting in parking at night at Tracy High and if it had to do with the solar project. Jaime Quintana answered that yes, there is security, and the lighting is related to the solar project as it helps with patrolling.

Report was accepted.

## **5. UPDATE ON CITY OF TRACY ITEMS**

- City of Tracy Parks Planning & Development Manager, Richard Joaquin gave the following updates:

Multi-Gen Rec Center (MGRC) – Council awarded design contract a few months ago. Firm will use feasibility study, conceptual design, and construction support for MGRC project. Focus is on Ceciliani Park and another site that is still TBD. Coordination with TUSD.

Legacy Fields Phase 1 – Bidding opened today. This is approximately a \$21 million project and will wrap up phase 1 of Legacy Fields. Parking lots will be paved, baseball fields will be improved, and signage to navigate the facility better.

Playground Replacement – Just finished Alden Park playground which is close to Villalovoz School. Also finished Ken Yasui Park playground. Both projects turned out great and lots of kids and parents have been enjoying both parks.

Parks Master Plan – All are now located on the City of Tracy's website in draft form for public review. Comment period ends February 21. There have also been a couple of virtual workshops for the master plans. They will take the master plan to the Parks Commission for their recommendation and then to City Council for adoption.

- Jolene Jauregui, City of Tracy Recreation Services Manager gave the following update:

Afterschool programming – There are about 125 students currently enrolled in the after school program at multiple sites. Previously was affected by Covid and with good communication the turnout has been good. Looking at sites for the summer program.

- Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy Parks & Recreation Director gave the following update:

West High Pool Rental – The city is working to update the aquatics program and make it more accessible. Looking at different sites for options that are available for swimmers and other programs.

Jaime Quintana said that there is a motor out in one pool, and they are hoping to have it fixed in the next 3-4 months.

- Michael Nimon, City of Tracy Economic Development Manager gave the following update:

Explore potential City/Schools partnership (broadband connectivity) – City has been working on broadband connectivity. There is regional planning efforts between the City and the County and it is still early in the process. Wanted to bring this information to TUSD's attention and asked if there was anyone in particular that the City can work together on with TUSD.

Brian Stephens answered that Michael Nimon could connect with Tom Quiambao who is Information Services & Educational Technology director for TUSD. Michael Nimon to connect with him regarding broadband.

Michael Rogers added transportation being a potential partnership opportunity between the City of Tracy and Tracy Unified School District. Working collaboratively to look at scheduling and routing would help increase ridership and help with transportation costs of TUSD (to help funds be directed in the classroom instead of transportation).

Brian Stephens added that there are currently 27 vacancies in TUSD's transportation department. He added that they like the idea of working with the City of Tracy but there are others such as the union who may not like the partnership. The idea is something that they can explore, though.

Michael Rogers also added that he would like to give students exposure to public servant career opportunities. Summer programs for students was also suggested so the students can see that there are job opportunities within their community.

Brian Stephens stated that they are open to this idea and added that they took a suggestion from the City years ago about creating a workforce who are tech ready so they applied and won two grants that help the schools gear students towards STEM related careers. Every student in the district are going to get STEM education. In order to fulfill the gap that is there, it was suggested to let the students talk to City groundskeepers, engineers, and other STEM related jobs in the City by having a

direct connection with the District to set up those types of meeting with all grade levels. This would help the students see what is available to them.

Council Member Dan Arriola added that there was an update from YAC at the council meeting.

- Police Chief Millington gave the following update about the trauma bags. The principals have received training. More people have been saved because of the bags. The SROs have the bags in their cars too. They also have shields to help with critical incidents.

Lt. Miguel Contreras added that they are working to have the map/layout of all the different school sites, including contact information in their car and on personal phones this Saturday. Additionally, this summer, Jacobson school is going to be the site where the mental health students are going to and a public safety day with this school is being planned.

Council Member Dan Arriola asked about Narcon and Chief Millington answered that the officers have to have it on them at all times not matter what site they go to.

- Mayor Nancy Young shared her personal experience with a youth partnership between a city and school district that she is excited about workforce development and for the program to move forward.
- Don School, Public Works Director added that April is Volunteer month. Will work with Carissa to communicate information.

Report was accepted.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.