

Meeting Minutes
CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

May 18, 2023 - 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 1:03 p.m. by Brian MacDonald.

ROLL CALL:

Sekou Millington, City of Tracy
DeAnna Pombo, City of Tracy
Michael Rogers, City of Tracy
Dan Arriola, City of Tracy
Jim Bridges, JSD
Tim Spears, SSCFA
Anthony Flores, TUSD
RG Fagin, TUSD

Miguel Contreras, City of Tracy
Jolene Jauregui, City of Tracy
Dan Evans, City of Tracy
Rob Pecot, TUSD
Steve Abercrombie, TUSD
Jaylen French, City of Tracy
Jeremy Silcox, TUSD
Jaime Quintana, TUSD

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

2. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM:**

- The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved from October 20, 2022
- The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved from March 16, 2023

4. **UPDATE ON CITY OF TRACY ITEMS:**

After School Program - DeAnna Pombo Shared the following: Wanda Hirsch is the last school opened for after school program. Will not be continuing the program recurrence at the start of the 23/24 school year due to the Boys & Girls Club program now at TUSD.

YAC Recruitment – DeAnna Pombo Shared the following: Currently in the middle of recruitment for the Youth Advisory Committee. Recruiting up to 9 youth commissioners and 3 adult commissioners. Received 20 youth and 4 adult applicants. Interviews will begin this week. New Commissioners will be appointed by City Council in August.

PMP Project on Lowell/Lincoln - Jaylen French shared the following: A PowerPoint presentation was shown highlighting two different construction projects on Lowell Ave. and Lincoln Blvd which are a part of the capital improvements program. Plans on going out to bid opening in June or July and have council consider the award of a contract in August and construction start shortly after. Plans to begin finish during the first quarter of

next year (Spring 2024), depending on weather. Paving work planned to be done at night to minimize impacts of traffic congestion, school drop offs, etc. Working in coordination with school district and West High school staff. The pavement rehabilitation project will include sidewalk curb gutter repair, new signal loops which triggers the signal to know cars are present. There will also be pedestrian upgrades and bike lanes which will be painted green which is the new standard for the City of Tracy. Jaylen then presented the project via the PowerPoint.

Anthony Flores asked if there was a possibility of the crosswalk on Lowell going into West High School can be moved to the opposite end (east end) due to the current area being identified as kids crossing in between traffic.

RG Fagin added more concerns about the crosswalk and how the kids truly use the crosswalk. He supported the idea of the crosswalk being on the east side due to the kids already being on the school side of the property.

Jaylen answered stating that this is something that the COT can consider at that suggestion and other traffic engineering possibilities such as an “all cross crosswalk.”

Michael Rogers added that this type of communication/coordination is what is necessary for successful projects that have not gone out to bid yet. The area specifically by West High could include an “all red phase” where it could lead to the safest movement of children all at once during the school year. Working in coordination with the school on timing of these type of phases is necessary so that the all red phase is not all day long and only during certain times of the day and during the rest of the time, it would be “regular” phase.

Anthony Flores would like more information about the red phase and also asked how buses would be affected by a potential all red phase.

Michael Rogers stated that there would be no buss movement and that is the tradeoff for high pedestrian movement because the priority safety for students or pedestrians. Further discussed coordinating with the school district to figure out what delays would be caused for cars and busses.

Dan Evans asked if the key stakeholders (school district and school board) are brought into the planning process on the front end or the later end.

Jaylen French answered about how while he was not present during the design process, but typically the stakeholders are brought into the design and then again when construction begins and there may be impacts, they are brought back in again.

Dan Evans asked is there were any changes, how it would impact the schedule.

Jaylen French answered that he would have to do an assessment and evaluation on items discussed to see if they can be changed but that would not change or affect the bidding and construction.

Report was accepted.

5. UPDATE ON JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (JSD) ITEMS:

Jim Bridges gave the following updates:

Construction updates – Jim Bridges shared the following: Corral Hollow Elementary School is continuing to grow. Two buildings are completely enclosed and watertight. Still on track to be finished by January 2024. There is still an issue in being able to get the electrical equipment that I needed to open the school. Expecting that closer to June. Planning for an August 2024 opening of Corral Hollow School. Regarding Franklyn Cole Elementary school planned in the Ellis Subdivision, Shell is continuing to work on cleaning up environmental impacts and once that is complete, plans will be taken to CA Division of State Architects.

Active Shooter Drill – Jim Bridges shared the following: At the last liaison meeting, there was mention of TUSD and TPD working together on active shooter drills, and it was also mentioned that Linden High School was also going to be having a drill. Lt. Contreras and other SROs were present at the event, and it was a good opportunity to see a full-blown active shooter drill. Drill gave lots of insight into how to go about having an active shooter drill in the Tracy community.

Lt. Contreras added that TPD is working with TUSD on a date and considering feedback received at the last meeting about involving the Sheriff's department and possible parent input.

Comment received from Dan Evans about the prompt and positive response regarding the threat made at Williams Middle School.

Discussion amongst group regarding communication with community/parents and threats made to schools. Discussed ways to reduce panic and how to hinder misinformation.

Report was accepted.

6. UPDATE ON TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TUSD) ITEMS

North Modernization - Thank you all that attended the grand opening ceremony. Event was successful.

Villalovos Renovation - Work has begun with the first incremental project on site. The work includes the installation of the security perimeter fencing along with the campus front entrance's accessibility compliance upgrades.

Modular Building Expansion - All the planned sites have received a soft mobilization, which has included temp. fencing, site surveying, and construction restrooms in preparation of the summer work.

Solar Arrays - Both the North School and Clover sites are at approximately 90% and should be fully commissioned early next month with state approvals.

Tennis Courts at THS, WHS, & KHS - Planned work and scheduling is currently in progress for the start of the summer projects.

Pool Plastering Projects at THS & WHS - Final reviews and schedule in progress for the preparation of a summer start.

Report was accepted.

7. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Michael Rogers shared that the Mayor's Youth Internship Program is gearing up to start. The program will run from June 26th through July 27th.

Dan Arriola shared that during a lobbying trip to Washington DC where he and another council member had an opportunity to meet with the Department of Justice, where they heard about opportunities to coordinate and address the fentanyl crisis. He asked for support to have a subject matter expert to coordinate between schools and cities to reduce the possible fatalities in students by educating them on what opportunities there are by way of an agenda item on a future agenda. Dan Arriola also mentioned that he would put the City of Tracy in contact with the Department of Justice contact. This ask was seconded by Dan Evans.

Steve Abercrombie shared a story and information about a child who was asked to sit on a panel at the DARE International Training in July.

Chief Sekou Milling added that Narcan is on all campuses and offered more information about the benefits of the resources and the investigation process.

8. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.