

# Council Reports/Items

Month: March 2024

Submitted by: **Mayor Nancy Young**, (April 2, 2024)

These are monthly reports from meetings and events attended. Any additional asks will be made on the dais.

## Meetings

3/1 **San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (ACE) SJRRC Board Meeting March 1, 2024 –**

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Main issues: Adopt an Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting SJRRC Ordinance No. 09-02 Entitled “Passenger Code of Conduct” for the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Rail Service of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission; Approved Resolution for Approving an Amendment 02 to the Agreement with Mott MacDonald Group for Consulting Services for the Near Zero Locomotive Program; Approving Amendment 02 to two (2) On-Call Agreements with TranSystems Corporation and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for On-Call Grant Writing Services; and Approving Amendment 02 to the Agreement with Pennino Management Group for Project Delivery Support Services (formally known as Rail Engineering Services) for the Valley Rail Program. With final action of election of new officers: Chair, Mayor Nancy Young (Tracy) and Vice Chair, Mayor Lisa Craig (Lodi). See agenda.

3/26 **TUSD STEM Community Collaborative Meeting**

The key focus was on rolling out the further defined mission and vision and how that is carried out for our Pre-K to 12 graders in TUSD.

3/28 **San Joaquin Partnership (Executive Board and Board Meetings)**

3/28 **San Joaquin Council of Governments Board Meeting**

<https://www.sjcog.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/03282024-1495>

Meetings are now available to watch live. See Agenda for more details. The Key items of action:

Public Hearing for the Gaia Whitehall Road Property Preserve Acquisition

Public Hearing for the Mattos Delta Property Preserve Acquisition

Public Hearing for the Mattos Laurel Blvd Property Preserve Acquisition

Public Hearing for the Garcia Undine Road Properties Preserve Acquisition

2023 SJMSCP Annual Report Release

Proposed Final Fiscal Year 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Financial Plan (AFP)

**Special Events (Attended)**

- 3/2 Opening Day Ceremonies for 5 North Track and Field – 9<sup>th</sup> annual, held at Tracy High
- 3/2 Spoke to youth group of the Girls Scouts about local government and empowering young ladies for leadership
- 3/5 Attended the Venture Rail Cars Launch at the ACE Rail Maintenance Facility (Chair of SJRRC/ACE and Director of SJJPA)
- 3/5 Attended and spoke at the Legacy Fields Phase 1E Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Honored to be (the only one) as a part of every phase of Legacy Fields Phase 1 and instrumental in gaining the funding, having championed Measure V for the building of this amenity.
- 3/7 Participated in the Read Across America held at Central School.
- 3/9 – 3/13 National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC (Detailed links and info given to Staff) – Abridged info below:
- 3/9** Communicating Effectively About Race - outstanding session, but even with tools, outside advocacy is needed to penetrate some difficult areas.
- 3/10** Museum of African American History and Culture - tour was thought-provoking and enlightening.
- National Black Caucus Local Elected Officials Networking Reception - wonderful opportunity to connect with other national leaders
- 3/11** Celebrating Diversity Breakfast
- Key Note - Michael D. Smith, AmeriCorps
  - Ended with quote: "The future depends on what we do in the present." Gandhi
  - NLC opening seminar focused on 100 year history.
  - Doris Kearns Goodwin shared key leadership traits: Humility, Empathy, Resilience, Accessibility, Communication Ability, and Ambition larger than yourself
  - What defines you? Moral fiber and character was what defined Lincoln and that's how he's remembered. That is crucial! - We want people to say we had kindness, decency, integrity, and character.
  - A highly charged presentation by President Joseph Biden to pack out room!
  - Sessions on Workforce Development provided information to consider like childcare needs; when adults want to upskill, the stats show 1 in 5 read below 3rd grade level which should help us address our communication; plus, numerous resources to move our city and region forward:

Resources:

ETA Technical assistance- Goodjobs.gov

U.S. Department of Education

Unlocking Career Success website tool:

<https://cte.ed.gov/unlocking-career-success/home>

Ulse.org

- HUD Presentation- Dr. Kimberly McClain

Preserve and Increase Affordable Housing Supply

Green and resilient retrofit funding for seniors to build and maintain.

- Use HUD to dismantle the disinvestment in our community.
  - Justice 40 Initiative funding
- Federally funded Healthcare  
Investing in America  
EPA financing through lead-pipe retrofit

3 sites to make sure addressing environmental injustice:  
Grants.gov  
Build.gov  
Cleanenergy.gov

3/12-3/13

Deep Dive into Building a Community-Centric Approach to Emergency Response Services

Key points:

1. Sonia Chessen

Samhsa.grants.gov

988 and 911 systems

Partner toolkit available for crisis care (behavioral health system)

2. Brent Cohen

Department of Justice, office of Justice Programs

Safety in justice

Both talk about lived experiences and peer support systems

Community Partnerships

Connect and protect to improve police efforts

Mobile crises response

Coordinating with SAMHSA

3. Deborah Spence

DOJ, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Numerous grants and free training programs available.

4. Greg Jackson

White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, Deputy Assistant Director

- brought to this work as he was previously shot in 2013, 4 blocks from the meeting location. Most recently lost a mentee last year who was organizing anti violence himself in his community... was standing on porch of his house while in high-school just before football season.

- Background checks denial based on extreme flags that were not denials in basic system... 25% increase in denials.

- Safe storage education-Found many guns are coming from the home in 80% of suicide, 76% for accidental shootings... guns on nightstands, under a pillow, ready access.

-Changing policies that haven't been touched in 30 years and starting to see progress.

Diversion programs

What do they, our families need... resources and support?

What's the alternative? Programs to help get resources if finances or whether gangs, b ongoing beefs, girl related...

-Connect with groups that can help form new routes or simple adjustments to change behavior

Session...

The REAL Council Meeting

Planning and setting the stage.

Creating a timeline for your municipality

Step 1

1. Create an outline of your history timeline in your city... starting with who inhabited the land before US...indigenous people, etc.

Uplifting things that's happened in your timeline

Step 2 through 4: Draft, Research, and Engage

Research: See who aren't the winners... tap into libraries,

Step 5: Publish and action.... frame in town hall

Developing a city's racial history timeline can support communities in identifying the root of inequities...

See Municipal Action Guide: Advancing Racial Equity in Your City 2023

8 week classes available:

<https://www.nlc.org/topic/race-equity/>

- 3/15 Attended a presentation and documentary by WELL regarding Water and how it affects our communities with a follow up meeting 04/2/24.
- 3/16 Attended Opening Ceremonies – Babe Ruth - and threw out the first Softball pitch at Legacy Fields
- 3/16 Attended the Artist by Artist Reception held at the Grand Theater and was honored to have my image as a part of the art by Mark Knize.
- 3/21 Greeted and welcomed the Memuro students and chaperones along with the Sister City Association at City Hall.
- 3/21 Tracy Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for Tracy Memorial Chapel - Attended and Toured the newly renovated facility and was educated on the many services they offer.
- 3/25 Attended the Sister City Association sponsored Sayonara Party for the Memuro students and chaperones, along with the local sponsor families. It was a wonderful event wherein I was able to speak to the group and give gifts to our guests as well as receive a beautiful gift from them.
- 3/29 Attended Celebration of Life for Sam Matthews and gave family a Proclamation in his honor.
- 3/29 Conferred the awards to the Montessori students who won the Science Olympiad for the San Joaquin County 2024 during their award ceremony.
- 3/30 Attended the Caesar Chavez Dinner put on by the Latin X Club of West High along with students from Kimball. They plan to incorporate all the high schools in the future and make this an annual event,

Pictures from Sep 2023:









