

2 x 2 Committee Meeting Notes Thursday, May 26, 2005

Committee Members present:

Nancy Riddle, School Board President
Terry Doran, School Board Vice President
Tom Bates, Mayor
Linda Maio, Councilmember

Committee Staff present:

Julia Sinai, Assistant to the Mayor
Kimi Sakashita, BHS Health Center Director
Lew Jones, Berkeley Unified School District Facilities Manager
Sergeant Dave White- Berkeley Police Department Youth Services
Arietta Chakos, Assistant City Manager

Public Comment:

Kristin Leimkuhler commented on the light industrial uses proposed for the West Campus project particularly the impact that increased traffic would have on that area. She suggests that Gilman Street be re-zoned to commercial.

Peter Burrell discussed the pool at West Campus and being against uses proposed for the West Campus site.

Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2005:

Maio/Doran and approved, Doran abstained. Approved with these exceptions: **(1) strike quote from Mayor Bates under "Hillside" – "Mayor Bates said he would like to make this a city priority because it is a valuable piece of property. He said the process needs to be hurried so that it can go to Council as soon as possible."** **(2) Under #4 – Joint Work with the City on School Nurses. Should be "reported that \$225,000 was given to Public Health, not BUSD."** **(3) Under "c" "Derby Street" – 3rd paragraph, "Mayor Bates agreed that City Council should look at costs, not BUSD."**

Agenda Item No. 3: Parking Permit Issue Around Schools

There was a lengthy discussion about the parking permit issue. Several Berkeley schools have requested additional permits for staff and volunteers. It appears that this discussion resurfaces yearly. Rather than re-visit it without a possible solution, it was discussed and determined that data is needed to find out how many spaces are needed at each site in question and what alternatives such as car pooling, shuttles, public transportation and other incentives might work.

Vice President Doran noted that he is in the process of developing a Transportation Policy for the District what could be useful in this discussion. This item has been placed on the Committee's next agenda for follow up.

Agenda Item No. 4: Security Issues Around Schools

Berkeley Arts Magnet is the primary school site with ongoing concerns. It was noted that good communication with the Police Department is key in responding to their concerns. Also, some of the fencing at the school needs repair and effective lighting might be a deterrent.

Sergeant White did praise the police department and Jim Slemm, Principal at BHS, for effectively curtailing some of the itinerant behavior that was taking place. The cops on bikes have been particularly helpful.

Agenda Item No. 5: Set Meeting Dates for the Rest of the Year

September 16, 2005 and December 9, 2005

Agenda Item No. 6: Fire Fighter Program at BHS

Follow up is necessary on this item. Letter has been sent to Jim Slemm, BHS Principal, Neil Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Flora Russ for their suggestions and feedback.

Agenda Item No. 7: "New" Warm Water Pool at a Rebuilt BHS

Lew Jones, Facilities Manager for BUSD, gave background information. There was further discussion between Mayor Bates and Terry Doran concerning questions about pool maintenance and cost to maintain.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.