

CITY / SCHOOL LIAISON

MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2022 8:30 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Committee Members

John Horner – School Board
Wendy Sullivan – School Board
Rich Constantine – Mayor
John McKay – Council Member

Staff Members

Christina Turner – City Manager
Mario Ramirez – Police Captain
Dr. Carmen García - Superintendent
Jennifer Carmen – Development Services Director
Chris Ghione – Public Services Director
Edith Ramirez - Assistant City Manager for
Development Services

Other

Kim Mancera – Council Services Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M

PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes from the Meeting of February 11, 2022.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Rich Constantine and a second by John McKay.

Yes Rich Constantine
Yes John Horner
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes John McKay

JOINT CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Determine that Conduction of In-Person Meetings Would Present a Public Health Risk and Continuing Teleconferencing Meetings

City Manager Turner recommended following the direction of the County and Dr. Sara Cody to continue to meet virtually until August, unless there is a spike in cases. Board Trustee Horner offered his support with reluctance. Mayor Constantine reported other cities are continuing to meet virtually and the City of Morgan Hill would like to open when they know it will be permanent.

Motion Passed: To continue to meet via teleconference passed with a motion by Rich Constantine and a second by John McKay.

Yes Rich Constantine
Yes John Horner
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes John McKay

Crossing Guard Program

Captain Ramirez surveyed thirteen agencies regarding crossing guard programs, reporting his findings from San Jose Police Department having their challenges to retain crossing guard staff. In addition, Captain Ramirez explained the program process, recruiting, budget impact and options neighboring districts use, such as parent volunteers or third-party vendors.

Committee discussions included program management and which organization would oversee/fund the program and Dr. Garcia provided background information on informal conversations leading up to this discussion. Further discussions included number of crossing guards and needs at school sites, mph at schools, safety concerns at intersections around schools, flashing crosswalk signs, MHPD efforts to assist with safety issues and resources to target enforcement, community awareness of cut through traffic and challenges for MHPD.

CITY OF MORGAN HILL

MHPD Update

Captain Ramirez reported the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is working with SRO Officer Dini and individuals in need or crisis; announced upcoming Run, Hide, Defend classes for school sites; updated on the El Toro Elementary School burglary and youth citations since August 2021 through current day, reporting sixty arrests/citations issued for various charges, of those sixty there were thirty five on school grounds and the Youth Diversion Program sent thirteen juveniles to the program and continue to monitor and lastly, announced the Cadet Ambassador Program has been working downtown for extra support.

Discussions included trends in the increase of citations, repeat offenses, Youth Diversion Program referrals, advocating for long term funding for Youth Diversion Program through the District Attorney's office and offer of support/advocacy to the program.

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT UPDATE

Dr. Garcia presented a slide presentation update.

[220422 City/School Liaison Superintendent Presentation](#)

Committee discussions included brainstorming additional ways to bring awareness to online threats to our youth, upcoming Community Mental Health Awareness presentation, suggestions for targeted efforts around mental health awareness and internet crimes against children, MHPD ICAC trained Officer and working with partners to locally bring this awareness to youth.

OTHER REPORTS/UPDATES

Upcoming Community Event: Art a La Carte on Saturday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustee Horner requested an update on the efforts of the joint analysis of the joint corpyard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 A.M.