

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA AND
THE FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 11, 2007**

A Joint Meeting of the City of Fontana City Council and the Fontana Unified School District was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 in the Police Meeting Room. Mayor Nuaimi called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CC Present: Mayor Nuaimi, Council Members Roberts, Rutherford, and Warren.

 FUSD Present: Chairperson Hawthorn, Board Members Binks, Mancha, Piazza, and Ramos.

 Absent: Council Member Scialdone.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Roberts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. INVOCATION

Mayor Nuaimi opened the meeting, stating that the reason for this meeting is to affectively serve the City of Fontana, by combining efforts of both the City of Fontana(CoF) and the Fontana Unified School District (FUSD), by increasing communication between the two agencies. OPENING

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: PC

Gil Navarro, California Parent Association, 985 W. Kendall Drive, San Bernardino, spoke regarding education. EDUCATION

Cali Olson-Binks, FUSD and Ken Herron, CoF reviewed the Smart Kids Program and the efforts of both School and City staff to smoothly transform the previous program(A.W.A.R.E.) into what it has now become. The "Smart Kids" Program which is funded by a grant acquired from the state, and meets the standards set by the "No child left behind" laws." SMART
KIDS

Ray Bragg, CoF reported on the progress of the construction of the new library, with the opening being scheduled for April, 2008. He gave a verbal tour of the many programs and rooms that will be inside the library. He also reviewed the Library's Joint Use Agreement, entered into in 2004, by the Fontana Unified School District, the City of Fontana, and the County of San Bernardino, and the various obligations agreed upon by these agencies. LIBRARY/
EDUCATION

Melinda Pure, FUSD, and Don Williams, CoF explained the efforts to work together through DAB meetings to try and plan areas where schools will be needed throughout the City to meet the needs of incoming new residential housing. Superintendent Jane Smith, FUSD, and City Manager Ken Hunt, CoF, expressed their concerns for the need of communication between FUSD and CoF, to meet these needs for the future. The FUSD Board and the City Council also agreed that this is an area where the two agencies need to keep communication lines open.

**SCHOOL
SITING
PLAN**

Chuck Hays, CoF, reported on the various middle schools that are being updated and utilized by the CoF, through Joint Use Agreements. Jane Smith, FUSD, stated that she feels it would be a great idea to have the City Planning Department work with FUSD Planning team in the construction of any new schools throughout the City. Board President, Gus Hawthorn suggested a sub-committee be formed of two Board Members and two City Council Members to work together regarding any joint use facility issues.

**JOINT USE
FACILITES**

The sub-Committee will consist of President, Gus Hawthorn and Board Member Kathy Binks of FUSD Board, and Mayor Mark Nuaimi and City Council Member Frank Scialdone of CoF City Council.

Mayor Nuaimi reported that in his recent State of the City speech that he expressed his wish to have English language courses at City facilities to help all of the people of Fontana become active members of our community. Pat Meagher, FUSD, reported on the Fontana Adult School's, English as a Second Language(ESL) classes, where he stated that due to limited space and funding, the school has to turn away many people wishing to learn English. Mayor Nuaimi stated that maybe the CoF and FUSD can work together to meet the needs of these individuals. It was requested that Cali Olson-Binks FUSD, Ken Herron and Ray Brags CoF work together to make this happen.

**ENGLISH
COURSES
CITY
FACILITES**

The FUSD Board and the City Council discussed various way that they can help each other out, such as, lobbying to the state and federal government on behalf of projects of the other agency, various foundations under the umbrella of the "Community Foundation", and other projects.

**PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITES**

Superintendent Jane Smith, FUSD expressed concerns of parents at both A.B. Miller High, and Ruble Middle Schools with the future building of the Promenade in the close vicinity of both schools, with the two main concerns being traffic and the possibility of students hanging out at the Promenade both during school hours and after. Eric Lewis, CofF, explained the City Engineering Departments, concerns and plans to address this issue. Mayor Nuaimi suggested that City staff talk with the concerned parents to address their concerns.

**TRAFFIC
AB MILLER HS
RUBLE MIDDLE
SCHOOLS**

It was suggested that perhaps the Members FUSD Board could attend the City’s Community meetings and the Members of the City Council attend the School Advisory meetings.

Lieutenant Ramsey and Fontana Police Chief Larry Clark gave an overview of the “Partners in Policing” Program that will take place this summer, where the FUSD Police Officers and the Fontana Police Officers will be partnered up and work together to become more aware of how to respond appropriately when exposed to various different situations.

**PARTNERS IN
POLICING**

ELECTED OFFICIALS SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION/REPORTS:

Council Member Warren stated that she is in the process of organizing a Diversity Summit, an informal meeting at which the Fontana community can come together and embrace each others differences. A panel to discuss and brain storm on how to help our community and children.

**DIVERSITY
ISSUES**

Deputy Public Works Director Chuck Hays stated he was please with the children of North Tamarind School who wrote letters regarding North Tamarind Park, and then also followed through with City staff in the design of new playground equipment for this Park. He invited the FUSD Board and the City Council to come out to the North Tamarind Park rebuild on August 30, 2007.

**NORTH
TAMARIND
PARK**

At 9:25 p.m. the meeting adjourned by consensus, to a City Council workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and then to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA.

ADJOURN

Orvene Steenbock
City Clerk Assistant

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2007.

Tonia Lewis
City Clerk