

**2 X 2 Committee Meeting Notes  
Friday, June 8, 2007**

**Attending:**

**City Committee Members**

Mayor Tom Bates, Councilmember Linda Maio

**BUSD Committee Members**

School Board President Joaquin Rivera and Vice President John T. Selawsky

**City Staff**

Phil Kamlarz, Arietta Chakos, Julie Sinai, BPD Chief Doug Hambleton, BPD Sgt. David White, Scott Ferris, Karyn Tribble

**BUSD Staff**

Michele Lawrence, Lew Jones, Emily Davidow, Mark Coplan

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Board President Rivera.

**Comments from Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Approval March 21, 2006 Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve

**BHS Grounds & Upkeep**

Letter from community member complaining about trash and upkeep on the Channing and MLK sides of the school. City staff suggested a structural change, perhaps students using 5 to 10 minutes of PE time to pick up trash. Director Selawsky noted that there are continuous problems with trash being dumped off, and he didn't think that all of it is being dropped by students. One problem is that there are no trash receptacles on either of these streets.

Lawrence said that she had made a visit to the complainants home, made calls and left her card, and has asked staff to have a meeting. Since then Lew Jones has scheduled a meeting with the complainant next week. Superintendent Lawrence said that she had walked the perimeter recently (a month after the neighbors' clean-up) and did not see any more trash than she usually sees on other streets. Lawrence said that she appreciated the neighbors' efforts.

### **Warm Water Pool**

John Selawsky said that he has spoken with community members who refer to meetings about the Warm Water Pool at the West Campus, and that to his knowledge District staff and administration and Board Members are not involved in or even aware of any meetings. Vice President Selawsky said that we (BUSD) need to be a part of this or there will be a serious disconnect. Lisa Carona reported that there had been a meeting around the design of the Warm Water Pool on Milvia, and there is a group working on a different plan for an aquatic center at West Campus, but that the COB is not holding meetings, and will notify the BUSD if they do.

### **Gilman Transportation Facility**

In August, the final design will be approved when the permit is approved. Linda Maio asked about the size of the buildings, and wondered how much of a footprint will be left for commercial use along Gilman. No one had the specific number, but Director Selawsky recalled that it was the square footage that the COB has asked for.

### **Derby Street**

Mayor Bates asked for an update on the status of the Curvy Derby Plan, the EIR, and the use of the field. Director Selawsky said that the Board had approved the costing and initial design for a Curvy Derby plan. The Board has not taken a position on Curvy Derby plan, and will wait till they have this information before moving forward. Mayor Bates asked about the status of the grass field. Selawsky said that the contractor will have control of the field until the end of August when the grass has been deemed ready for use by the contractor. Mayor Bates asked about community use of the field. Superintendent Lawrence answered that this is not a playground or park space, but is an athletic field; not the kind of space that is traditionally just opened to the public. Use will generally be handled through the permit process. Lawrence said that we do anticipate informal use by neighbors, as you will see at any of our schools, but that this is minimal, and while we will keep an eye on it and address it accordingly if there is a problem. We do not anticipate any.

### **Downtown Safety Issues**

Deborah Badiha, Executive Director of the Downtown Berkeley Association, spoke about the past when we had Berkeley Guides and BHS staff patrolling Shattuck, but that has changed. She said that they no longer have the Guides and according to Jim Slempp, their staff focuses on the direct perimeter to the school, though he did say that 80% of the students are going to Shattuck at lunch. She said that they are needed in the downtown area, because they have the relationship with the students and can better handle issues. Julie Sinai pointed out that

there were continuing meetings, and all of the kids on Shattuck are not necessarily BHS students.

Chief Hambleton agreed that when staff and administrators walked the downtown area it was much better. The police department's staffing situation is difficult right now, and they could really use the assistance of BHS staff.

Michele Lawrence pointed out that BUSD has the same staffing issues of the BPD, so the BHS staff are trying to rotate their efforts to cover more area. Linda Maio asked if it would be possible to have BHS staff on bikes so that like the BPD officers they can respond faster and be in more places at the same time. Lawrence pointed out that other efforts included cameras, coordinating our efforts so that we could make sure all areas are covered by someone from BHS or COB. Julie Sinai pointed out that in the last BHS meeting the plan was to work some of this through during the summer so that everyone could begin the new school year with a plan.

Mayor Bates mentioned that the COB has been making efforts to have more activities for teens, including a new program with Friday night activities being run by the youth group in BOCA (Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action). The program has been so successful that it the student organizers are actually being hired by Parks & Recreation to make this an official COB program.

### **Climate Change**

Mayor Bates said that the City is anxious to engage the BUSD in their efforts, and would like to have some way to educate our kids about climate change. We also want to have training with our employees. We would like a dialogue with the Board and the administration so that we could develop some curriculum, and could also involve CAL. Lawrence pointed out that there is a lot currently going on in the schools and BUSD might need to bring the COB up to date on those efforts. She asked if it was possible to use recycled water for landscape watering. Selawsky said he had asked and it is not possible now. Mayor Bates said that the City had been interested in looking into the wells that were used by farmers' decades ago, and that they would like to capture that resource.

Linda Maio pointed out that we need to look at the impact of diesel vehicles idling, and we need to have an idling policy. We are all doing things using equipment and vehicles, and we need to work together to do a better job of monitoring ourselves.

Lawrence said that maybe the 2x2 could take on the theme of the year, and use the 2x2 to have a better means of communicating on specific areas. What this really says is that we don't even know what our city is doing; they don't know what the BUSD is doing, so we can do a lot to bring everyone up to date on all of our efforts.

Maio recommended that we ask Berkeley City College to join in on the discussion, and Lawrence said that maybe we could include them on an annual basis. Rivera said he would like to suggest that we focus our next meeting on this subject.

Rivera asked when we will next meet, and September 14<sup>th</sup> was the date agreed upon.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:23PM**