

JOINT MEETING

**San Gabriel City Council
and
San Gabriel Unified School District Governing Board
Jefferson Middle School (Gymnasium)
1372 E. Las Tunas Drive
San Gabriel, California 91776**

MINUTES

October 7, 2009

7:00 p.m.

The San Gabriel City Council and San Gabriel Unified School District Governing Board in Los Angeles County met in a joint session at the time and on the date above written with attendance as follows:

Present:

San Gabriel City Council

Juli Costanzo, Mayor
Albert Huang, Vice Mayor
Mario De La Torre, Councilmember
Dave Gutierrez, Councilmember
Kevin Sawkins, Councilmember

**San Gabriel Unified School District
Governing Board**

Lee Freeman, President
Denise Menchaca, Vice President
Scott Svonkin, Clerk
Cristina Alvarado, Member
Colleen Doan, Member

Others:

C. Smith
R. Kress
R. Perez
B. Mattern
R. Arnold
Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

Nicole Hsu, Student Board Member,
Gabrielino High School
Maurice Matthews, Student Board Member,
Del Mar High School
Susan C. Parks, Ed.D., Superintendent
Cynthia Bracamonte, Executive Assistant to
the Superintendent

Governing Board President Freeman thanked Principal Canfield and staff for providing a venue for the joint meeting.

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- a. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costanzo called the City Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. President Freeman called the Governing Board meeting to order 7:04 p.m. Mayor Costanzo and President Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- b. Attendance:

City Council: Costanzo, De La Torre, Gutierrez, Huang, Sawkins

City Council attendance was taken by Deputy City Clerk Castruita, with all members present.

Governing Board: Alvarado, Doan, Freeman, Menchaca, Svonkin

President Freeman announced that attendance would be recorded by Cynthia Bracamonte, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, with all members present.

- c. Introductions: City Council Members and Governing Board Members:
(Mayor Juli Costanzo and President Lee Freeman)

Mayor Costanzo recognized Senator Carol Liu for her presence. Mayor Costanzo and President Freeman invited each member of their entities to briefly introduce themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Costanzo asked if there were any public comments or requests to address the two entities, there were six as follows:

- Pat Freeman, San Gabriel Educational Foundation President
- Jerry Schwartz, Chairman of the San Gabriel Unified School District Long-Range Facilities Master Plan Oversight Committee
- Philippe and Tommy Tai, Owners of Azteca Restaurant
- State Senator Carol Liu, 21st State Senate District
- Chin-Ho Liao, The Rotary Club of San Gabriel
- Julie Sorenson, San Gabriel Public Library

III. ACTION ITEMS

President Freeman announced that the Point Persons for all 5 committees are being requested to provide a report by December 1, 2009. Mayor Costanzo concurred with the report request.

San Gabriel City Council:

Councilmember Sawkins moved and Councilmember Gutierrez seconded to amend the agenda to add the following item: For the School District to Appoint a District Point-Person to the Kids Day/4th of July Committee. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote of 5/0.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Clerk Svonkin moved and Board Member Doan seconded to amend the agenda to add the following item: For the School-District to Appoint a District Point-Person to the Kids Day/4th of July Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Appoint City-School District Point Persons to Develop and Submit Grant Application for Funds From Federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

The City Council and School Board will discuss this item and appoint a Point Person to represent their respective entity.

President Freeman introduced the agenda item and opened discussion among the two entities. Discussion involved the City taking the lead with the School Board providing a grant writer. Particular projects would need to be identified to spend any awarded funds.

San Gabriel City Council:

It was the City Council's consensus to appoint Bruce Mattern, City Engineer as the City Point Person. The motion carried unanimously.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Board Member Doan moved and Board Member Alvarado seconded to appoint Julio Escobedo, Assistant Principal, Jefferson Middle School as the School District Point Person. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Appoint City-School District Point Persons to Develop School Curriculum Focusing on the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Project in San Gabriel and its Archeological and Historical Aspects

The City Council and School Board will discuss this item and appoint a Point Person to represent their respective entity.

President Freeman introduced the agenda item and opened discussion among the two entities. Discussion included ideas of an overview of the trenching project, educating the community and students of the area, and providing a safe haven for the media to participate.

San Gabriel City Council:

Councilmember De La Torre moved and Vice Mayor Huang seconded to appoint Councilmember Dave Gutierrez as the City Point-Person. The motion carried unanimously with a 5/0 voice vote.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Board Clerk Svonkin moved and Board Member Alvarado seconded to appoint Jeannine McGuigan, Principal, Wilson Elementary School as the School District Point-Person. The motion was amended to add Board Clerk Svonkin as an additional Point-Person. The motion carried unanimously.

President Freeman encouraged Eloy Zarate and Senya Lubisich, Friends of La Laguna to participate with the Point-Persons from both entities.

- c. Appoint City-School District Point Persons to Develop a Community Newspaper Sponsored by City, School District and Other Interested Community Entities (for example, Chamber of Commerce)

The City Council and School Board will discuss this item and appoint a Point Person to represent their respective entity.

Mayor Costanzo introduced the agenda item and opened discussion among the two entities.

San Gabriel City Council:

Mayor Costanzo moved and Vice Mayor Huang seconded to appoint Mayor Costanzo and Vice Mayor Huang as the City Point-Persons. The motion carried unanimously with a 5/0 voice vote.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Board Member Svonkin moved to spend the same dollar amount that is currently spent on the School District's publication VISTA and appoint Board Member Doan as the Point-Person. The motion died due to lack of a second.

City Attorney Kress advised that this was a non-agendized item.

Vice President Menchaca moved and Board Member Alvarado moved to second the appointment of both Superintendent Parks and Board Member Doan as the School District Point-Persons. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Appoint City-School District Point Persons to Define and Formalize Emergency Preparedness Collaborative Efforts Between City and School District

The City Council and School Board will discuss this item and appoint a Point Person to represent their respective entity.

Mayor Costanzo introduced the agenda item and opened discussion among the two entities.

San Gabriel City Council:

Mayor Costanzo moved and Councilmember Gutierrez seconded to appoint Councilmember Sawkins as the City Point-Person. The motion carried unanimously with a 5/0 voice vote.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Board Member Doan moved and Board Clerk Svonkin seconded to appoint Marc Chaldu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services as the School District Point-Person. The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Appoint City-School District Point Persons to Define and Formalize Collaborative Partnership Between City Police and School District

The City Council and School Board will discuss this item and appoint a Point Person to represent their respective entity.

Mayor Costanzo introduced the agenda item and opened discussion among the two entities. Discussion included training in case an incident took place in the schools of the community. Live exercises and training on campuses were proposed to make the schools safer.

San Gabriel City Council:

Councilmember Sawkins moved and Councilmember De La Torre seconded to appoint Councilmember Dave Gutierrez as the City Point-Person. The motion carried unanimously with a 5/0 voice vote.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Board Member Doan moved and Vice President Menchaca seconded to appoint Board Clerk Svonkin and Lon Sellers, Principal, Del Mar High School as the School District Point-Persons. The motion carried unanimously.

[Agenda Item F was added at the meeting with a unanimous vote from both entities.]

- f. Appoint School District Point Person to Serve on the **Kids Day/4th of July Committee**

San Gabriel City Council:

Councilmember Sawkins was appointed as the City Point Person.

San Gabriel Unified School District:

Vice President Menchaca moved and Board Member Doan seconded to appoint Board Clerk Svonkin and Anna Molinar, Principal, McKinley Elementary School as the School District Point-Persons. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Clerk Svonkin requested for the joint meeting to be adjourned in memory of the recently deceased firefighters Ted Hall and Arnie Quinonez. There was consensus by both entities.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Costanzo adjourned the San Gabriel City Council meeting at 8:57 p.m.

President Freeman adjourned the San Gabriel Unified School District Governing Board meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Provided by:

San Gabriel City Council

**San Gabriel Unified School District
Governing Board**

Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

Susan C. Parks, Ed.D., Superintendent

Juli Costanzo, Mayor

Lee H. Freeman, President

Scott J. Svonkin, Clerk

Approved: _____