

**CITY OF PARAMOUNT
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE
May 7, 2020**

Via Conference Call

CALL TO ORDER: City Manager Moreno called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present:
Brenda Olmos, Councilmember
Wilma Cuellar Stallings, Councilmember

PUSD Board Members Present:
Vivian Hansen, Board Member
Yesenia Cuarenta, Board Member

PUSD Staff Members Present:
Dr. Ruth Perez, Superintendent

City Staff Present:
John Moreno, City Manager
Christopher Callard, Public Information Officer
David Johnson, Comm. Svcs. & Recreation Director

Absent:
Andrew Vialpando, Assistant City Manager

Public Present:
There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting were presented.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. PUSD Updates City Manager Moreno introduced the item and Superintendent Dr. Ruth Perez gave a report.

Superintendent Dr. Perez stated how students are working remotely since March 17th due to COVID-19. Dr. Perez praised the Board of Education because they supported a 1 to 1 technology initiative three years ago and they were able to purchase chromebooks for all students in grades 3 to 12, which has been an incredible asset during this difficult time of distant learning.

Dr. Perez also gave a brief discussion of how they are preparing themselves to open during the fall. They are facing a huge challenge because they have to exercise social distancing protocols.

2. HEY! Summer Program (Healthy Eating for Youth) Superintendent Perez asked to please excuse herself from this report since she did not have the data.

3. Hosting a Virtual Mental Health Town Hall City Manager Moreno introduced the item and Boardmember Cuarenta gave a report.

Ms. Cuarenta gave a brief discussion regarding Virtual Mental Health. Ms. Cuarenta stated they would discuss on how to address mental health during COVID-19.

4. Kix Small-Side Soccer Complex Proposal City Manager Moreno introduced the item and Community Services and Recreation Director David Johnson gave a report.

Mr. Moreno gave a brief summary regarding the Kix Small-Side Soccer Complex Proposal. Mr. Moreno mentioned this item was presented to the City Council a couple months ago and what they are looking is at a public private partnership where public entities are entering an agreement with private companies to provide a public benefit. They are considering Progress Park in transforming into a Soccer Complex with a private company. Council instructed to carefully hear and meet with the surrounding community and try to get their input.

Mr. Johnson explained how COVID crisis put a hard break on this project and have not been able to schedule meetings with the community.

5. Paramount Parking Lot Issues for Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

City Manager Moreno introduced the item and Community Services and Recreation Director David Johnson gave a report.

Mr. Johnson gave a brief summary regarding Paramount Park Parking Issues for Student Drop-Off and Pick Up. The Ad Hoc Committee scheduled a field visit at Paramount Park to see if they can find a solution to this issue.
6. Temporary Parking Lot Use – Various Campuses

City Manager Moreno introduced the item and gave a report.

Mr. Moreno gave a brief summary regarding the Temporary Parking Lot Use. The City Council wanted the City to work with the residents in the form of alternatives to parking. Mr. Moreno thanked Dr. Perez for allowing the City to use various campus parking lots for residents to park during street sweeping days.
7. Comments from Boardmembers

Vice Mayor Olmos praised PUSD for the help they are providing to families and students during these difficult times.

Councilmember Cuellar Stallings mentioned that she had heard Governor Newsom or Mayor Garcetti talk about providing 70,000 chromebooks to students in the area and would like if the city can research and find out if the chromebooks would be given out to students or just the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Perez mentioned the District has been on constant communication with LACO the County Office of Education for chromebooks and hot-spots.

Boardmember Hansen thanked the City for all the partnerships they've built over the years with the District.
8. Comments from Staff

City Manager Moreno mentioned the Business Recovery Team, SELACO and re-opening of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

City Manager Moreno adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.