

Villa Park City/Schools Committee
January 18, 2007
Minutes

- **Welcome & Self-Introductions**

The meeting was opened at 9:30 AM by Councilmember Deborah Pauly who asked that each person introduce themselves and present one concern they have with regard to City/School issues. The following were present at the meeting

Deborah Pauly, Councilmember & Chair

John Archibald, OUSD: Traffic concerns

Carrie Hummel, CVMS PFSO: After school issues (Bagel Me) and traffic

Denise Bittel, VPHS PFSO: Traffic at VPHS and the City taking action without input

Dave Steinle, VPHS Principal: Traffic and student parking

Mike Christension, OUSD: Parking and Traffic

Jackie Shopshire, VPES H&SL: Traffic and City actions

Rich Freschi, Councilmember: Sheriff activities toward schools

Ken Domer, City Manager

Frank Boehler, OUSD: Student Resource Officer grants and other grant opportunities

Aileen Sterling, CVMS Principal: School safety

Lisa Easterbrook, SES PFSO: Traffic and safety, poll sites

- **Purpose of City/Schools Committee**

Chair Pauly asked that City Manager Domer recap the formation of the City Schools Committee. City Manager Domer stated that the committee was started to increase communications at the local level between the four OUSD schools and the City of Villa Park. The first meeting was in October 2006. The purpose is to take local issues of Villa Park schools as it relates to the City, maintain open communications, and foster a collaborative environment in order to resolve issues of concern or need.

- **Parking Issues**

City Manager Domer gave a brief recap of some of the parking issues brought forward from the last meeting.

- **VPES**

The group discussed and reviewed the historical parking issues around Villa Park Elementary School and the efforts recently undertaken to smooth the impact. Efforts included a parent paid traffic study and the City working with parents and the School to remove some of the parking restrictions. The general consensus is that traffic is generated by the amount of students in the school. Denise Bittel will review liability issues of having parents or volunteers assist in the parking lots or on the sidewalks. The City will review the 'unpainting' of the curbs along the school.

- **VPHS – January 23rd consideration of adoption for “Residential Parking Only”**

City Manager Domer presented an overview of the second reading and adoption of an ordinance to create a Residential Parking Only district around VPHS. The effort is to reduce the burdens to the residents while not allowing student parking.

Issues surrounding parking at VPHS were discussed. The ordinance will take effect the end of February with signs posted accordingly.

- **Traffic Concerns**

- VPHS

- Traffic Count Results

- The consensus is that traffic is better around the high school based on the school starting time change. The City presented the results of a parent paid traffic study (car count) for Taft and the parking lots. A general discussion was held on next steps including having Ms. Bittel talk to a local traffic engineer on reviewing the results for possible suggestions.*

- VPES Issues

- A brief rehash of traffic issues with the consensus that traffic is as good as it can be with all things considered.*

- Serrano/CVMS Issues

- No major issues discussed with the exception of a possible crossing guard for Serrano/Nichols and the costs associated with a crossing guard (approx \$9,000).*

- **School Safety Opportunities**

- School Resource Officer

- City Manager Domer, Frank Boehler, and Mike Pollack gave information regarding the joint effort to pursue a School Resource Officer for the high school and middle school.*

- **Other Issues**

- Graffiti tools (Orange Ordinance Proposal)

- Briefly discussed the item. Continued to next meeting.*

- **Adjourn to Next Meeting Date**

- Adjournment to next meeting on February 21, 2007 at 9:30 AM*