

Villa Park City/Schools Committee

February 21, 2007

ACTION MINUTES

WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

- **Reorganization of City Council Committee on City/Schools**
Councilmember Pauly discussed changes from the City that include the addition of Mayor Rich Ulmer in place of Councilmember Rich Freschi due to tradition of the Mayor being a part of the City Liaison Committee.
- **Approval of Minutes**
The Minutes for the January meeting were added by voice approval. Moved with changes by Denise Bittel, seconded by Jackie Shopshire.

NEW BUSINESS

- **City/Schools Committee Mission Statement Consideration**
The Mission Statement was discussed and the following suggestion was made by Dr. Tom Godley to the draft statement: The Mission of the Villa Park City/Schools Committee is to proactively address local issues of Villa Park schools ~~and~~ as they relate to the City of Villa Park, maintain open and honest communication, and foster a collaborative environment in order to resolve issues of mutual concern.

After discussion of the draft Mission Statement, it was agreed to bring it back to the March meeting for final approval.
- **School Resource Officer**
Frank Boehler gave a general overview of what a School Resource Officer would do if working at the schools. He described the current process of working with community groups to review the issue and gain community input and support of a SRO. Mr. Boehler also described the grant opportunities and planned attempts for gaining funding. OC Sheriff Lt. Chris Visconti was present and spoke on the issue from the Sheriff's perspective. There was general discussion on the need and want for a SRO and the benefits to the students, schools, and City.
- **City Legislative Items**
 - Business & Professions Code Exemption
 - *City Manager Domer gave brief recap of the issue to include that the City Council directed that the exemption not be pursued.*
 - Graffiti Ordinance (re: City of Orange)
 - *It was recommended to the City Council that a similar revision be reviewed and made to the City's graffiti ordinance. Moved by Dr. Godley and seconded by Mike Christensen.*
- **State of the Schools Proposal**
 - *It was discussed and proposed that a monthly, rotating update from the schools be presented at the City Council meetings. The discussion included that the schools would decide who would make the presentation and that the months covered would be September to May. It was moved by Denise Bittel and seconded by Lisa Easterbrook.*

OLD BUSINESS

- Residential Parking Only District
The City Manager gave a detail of the City Council's recent adoption of the ordinance and resolution setting up the district and naming the streets to be included. Enforcement would begin once the signs are in place. Maps and information were provided to VPHS and an interview was conducted by the City Manager to the VPHS Student newspaper.
- Traffic Study at Villa Park High School (Parking Lots and Taft Avenue)
A brief discussion on this item related to actions at the January meeting. The City Manager stated that he would contact a local traffic engineer to review the data prior to the next meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

General items of discussion to include crossing guards at various locations (Center and Lincoln) and the overall liability issue of using volunteers. Participants recounted other districts or areas use of volunteers. General questions arose on liability issues, use of volunteers, and warrants required by the City to request a crossing guard.

SCHOOL ROUND UP ITEMS

- Concerns/updates from Principals and/or parent group presidents
 - Villa Park High School
Ed Howard looked forward to a SRO position and Denise Bittel gave information on the upcoming parent night topic of myspace.com.
 - Cerro Villa Middle School
 - Serrano Elementary
Lisa Easterbrook discussed polling places and campus impacts.
 - Villa Park Elementary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment by Jill Kuli to remind those present of the VP Rotary mini-grants and Teacher of the Year Award.

Jim Rheins on crossing guard and volunteer activity related to traffic safety.

Teri Elmendorf discussed fundraising ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

- Next Meeting Date – March 15, 2007 at 9:30 AM
A discussion on conflict for the next scheduled meeting. The meeting was rescheduled to March 21st at 9:30 AM.