

Villa Park City/Schools Advisory Committee

May 17, 2007

9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Pauly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

- Members introduced themselves. The following were in attendance: Susan Broche, Christie Reider, Frank Boehler, Mike Pollak, Kathy Moffat, Lt. Tom Gallivan, Mayor Rich Ulmer, Councilmember Deborah Pauly, Committee Chair; Carrie Hummel, CV PFSO; Lisa Easterbrook and Heidi Reese, Serrano ES PFSO; Susan Broche, VPHS assistant principal; Christie Reider, OUSD; Frank Boehler and Mike Pollak, OUSD Child Welfare and Attendance; Kim Nichols and Kathy Moffat, OUSD BOE; Lt. Tom Gallivan, chief of VP Police Services; Mayor Rich Ulmer; Denise Bittle, VPHS PFSO; Associate Planner Jason Carson, City of Villa Park.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007 AND MARCH 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

February and March minutes were approved without comment by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- School Resource Officer Update
 - Lt Tom Gallivan gave a brief update to the committee regarding the activities of Deputy Joe Avalos, the School Resource Officer in the pilot program. He described how Deputy Avalos was going about making his presence felt at the schools with the students and faculty. Nearly every committee member stated that all response to Deputy Avalos' presence at the schools was positive and appreciated.
- Traffic Flow and Student Safety for morning drop offs
 - Video review by Sheriff's Department was not available.
 - Compact School Zone Beacon installation at Villa Park Elementary was discussed. Features of the unit were presented.
 - Discussion regarding volunteers working traffic control at school sites was also discussed. The main concern being that all involved needed to realize the liability involved on the part of the City, the schools, and the individuals in participating in those activities. Using the Sheriff as a training resource was discussed.
 - Kathy Moffat provided information regarding a Safe Routes to School Grant. She stated that it was a Federal Grant administered through the State and that in order to qualify the City would have to pursue it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee requested that City Manger Ken Domer contact Dr. Godley in an effort to solidify a partnership with the district regarding funding of the SRO.
- Kathy Moffat brought up the idea of walk to school day. It was noted that Serrano Elementary does this first Wednesday of every month. It could be something advertised on the City web site and in e-network distributions.

- Committee requested that City Manager Ken Domer speak with Dr. Godley regarding the possibility of placing the SRO on the Student Attendants Review Board (SAR). The intent is to provide the SRO with better access to confidential student records otherwise not permitted.

OTHER ITEMS

- It was requested that minutes for the CSC be posted on the City's web site and that past minutes and agendas be distributed to attendees.
- Denise Bittle brought up the fact that there was no formal introduction of the SRO to the parents of Villa Park schools and requested that a press release be made available to explain the reason for the SRO presence. District members requested that the same information be made available to the superintendents office.
- Committee members brought up the fact that issues and rumors regarding school events should be directed to the proper authorities (i.e. Principle's office of effected school)
- Committee members asked that they be given 7-10 day advanced notice on CSC agenda.

SCHOOL ROUND UP ITEMS

End of school year activities, Open house nights, awards nights and graduation ceremonies were noted for all schools. It was requested that Mr. Domer make arrangements to "bag" the restricted parking signs for these events so parents are free to attend without breaking posted parking signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Dr. Linda Bartram announced that students in her T.V. Media Production class won the Technology in Arts Award at the California Media Arts Festival 2007. 6,000 California students participated in the festival and there were a total of 12 award categories, of which Villa Park won one.
2. Jill Kuli mentioned the fact that there is no consistency in parking restriction enforcement surrounding each of the four schools within Villa Park. One case brought up was the parking situation attributed to little league on the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:10 AM

No new meeting date was set.