

Villa Park City/Schools Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary of November 15, 2007
9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Pauly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

- Members introduced themselves. The following were in attendance: Councilmember Deborah Pauly, City of Villa Park; Lt. Tom Gallivan, Villa Park Chief of Police Services; Deputy Joe Avalos, SRO OCSD; Kimberly Nichols, OUSD BOE President; Dr. Tom Godley, OUSD Superintendent; Carrie Hummel, CVMS PFSO; Aileen Sterling, CVMS Principal; Nancy Jenkins, VPHS PFSO; Mayor Rich Ulmer, City of Villa Park; City Manager Ken Domer, City of Villa Park; Assistant to the City Clerk Jarad Hildenbrand, City of Villa Park; Kathy Moffat, OUSD BOE; Heidi Ruiz, Serrano ES PFSO.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review and of September Meeting Summary
 - The Committee approved the meeting summary of October 20, 2007. Receive and File.
- Traffic and Safety Issues
 - Nichols and Serrano Safety Report
 - Carrie Hummel presented the Committee with a traffic survey she had conducted over the past month. The survey is on file. A general discussion followed relating to traffic safety concerns and various suggestions to alleviate the problem at Nichols and Serrano such as student bulletins, staffing a crossing guard in the morning only, and closing off Serrano from Nichols to Taft.
 - Lt. Tom Gallivan stated the Sheriff's Department was sending Deputy Avalos to a law enforcement bicycle academy. As a bicycle officer he offers superior mobility and coverage. Hopefully his presence will help alleviate some other the traffic concerns.
 - Kathy Moffat brought up the concern of drivers making unsafe u-turns at the entrance of Oakwood Circle. Nancy Jenkins stated she has witness the same on Taft Ave in front of the high school as well.

Traffic and safety issues will be studied in further detail and brought back in January for continued review.

- Trash Cans and Bike Lanes
 - Kathy Moffat noticed residents have been putting their trash cans in the bike lanes on collection day. This has created a hazard for the children riding their bicycles to school. City Manager Domer stated this is an outstanding issue that is difficult to resolve.
- AB 321 (Nava) – Vehicles: prima facie speed limits: schools
 - Kathy Moffat informed the Committee AB 321 recently passed in the Senate. AB 321 allows Cities to extend school zones from 500 feet to 1,000 feet before a school; making the speed limit 25 mph from 1,000 feet to 500 feet before a school, and reducing the speed limit to 15 mph from 500 feet before a school to

the front of the school. City Manager Domer mentioned he would have the City Engineer review the bill.

OLD BUSINESS

- Wrap up of Walk to School and Crossing Guards Appreciation
 - City Manager Domer mentioned Crossing Guards Appreciation day was a success. All three Villa Park area crossing guards attended the October 23, 2007 City Council meeting where they were each presented a plaque.
- Drop Off Planning for VPES
 - Mayor Ulmer discussed the idea of parent volunteers running a “valet” service at the school. The valet service would make it easy for parents to drop off and pick up children without worrying about their safety. His daughter, a Principal at Beryl Heights Elementary School, has successfully implemented this service. Design and plan on file.
- Review Fees for VPHS Media Class
 - Dr. Godley stated the VPHS cannot charge a “lab” fee to offset costs. A fee can only be charged to students if they are consuming materials, as in woodshop and home economics.
 - Denise Bittle stated Villa Park Cable Access Television is a public access corporation, therefore, they [VPTV] legally cannot charge fees.
- Every 15 Minutes Program
 - Deputy Avalos stated that due to the recent wildfires, the Every 15 Minute program scheduled for December 1, 2007 has been postponed until January/February 2008.

OTHER ITEMS

SCHOOL ROUND UP ITEMS

- Concerns/updates from Principals and/or parent group presidents
 - Villa Park High School – nothing new
 - Cerro Villa Middle School – Considering Saturday school for students who are failing. October through December academic tune-ups are underway. Students writing scores have increased over the last 4 years.
 - Serrano Elementary – nothing new
 - Villa Park Elementary – nothing new

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Kawanami stated she would like to see a combined effort between OUSD and Villa Park CERT to better prepare for emergencies.

ADJOURNMENT

January 17, 2008 at 9:30 AM