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JOINT MEETING OF THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 1997

City of Lakewood

Council Chambers

10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, Washington

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Councilmembers Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis; Colleen Henry; JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

School Board Members Present: 3 - John Davis, Jim Taylor and Harry Lang.

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City Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlf; Deputy City Manager Andy Neiditz; City Attorney Dan Heid; Community Development Director David Bugher; Engineering Manager Bill Larkin; Police Chief Rob Masko; Human Resources Administrator Debi Young and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

School District Staff Present: Hugh Burkett; John Litten; Mel Neighbors; and Frank Walter.

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FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Iris Urban.

Recognizing Iris Urban as Youth Advisor to the Lakewood City Council from December 2, 1996 - September 22, 1997 and recognizing the 1997-1998 Youth Advisors to the City Council, Amanda Maus and Katelyn Paskowski.

Mayor Harrison presented Iris Urban a Certificate of Appreciation for her service as Youth Advisor to the Lakewood City Council from December 2, 1996 through September 22, 1997.

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School Board Chair Lang expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the City Council.

School Board Member Davis thanked the City Council for supporting the School District's position on a legislative bill that failed which would have raised taxes in Lakewood and lowered taxes in the City of DuPont.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks Maintenance Contract.

City/School District Partnerships.

Results of the City Survey.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported that the contractual relationship between the City and the School District on the maintenance of City parks is going well. Mr. Neighbors indicated that there may also be other opportunities for the joint use of facilities.

Mr. Neiditz highlighted the citizen survey results on parks and recreation as follows:

75.6% responded in favor for more parks land.

55.7% responded in favor of medium-size parks with playgrounds within a half mile of residential areas.

62.1% responded in favor of school playgrounds as a priority.

75.1% responded in favor of a joint multi-purpose facility established jointly between the City and schools.

Discussion ensued on working toward full utilization of existing facilities.

SAFETY INITIATIVES

Criminal Justice Officers Contract.

Sidewalk Construction, Street Lighting and Street Signs for School Zones.

Safe Streets.

Mr. Neighbors reported on the two criminal justice officers working in the schools. Mr. Neighbors indicated that the School District would like more of a police presence in the schools so that teachers and children see law enforcement officers in a broader light.

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School Board Member Taylor indicated that there have been concerns about traffic and safety issues around the schools and the School District is working with City staff to develop plans to alleviate some of the traffic problems which include lighting and signage.

Discussion ensued about bus stops and sidewalks around schools; potential of joint grant ventures; traffic safety; setting priorities; and the school crossing guard program.

Deputy City Manager Neiditz reported that Safe Streets has been operational in Lakewood this year and the City requests a partnership in that program. He explained that the goal of the program is to develop Safe Streets school zones.

SISTER CITY STUDY

General Services Director/City Clerk Bush provided background information on the Okinawa City sister city study. She explained that Okinawa City will be making diligent efforts to implement a student exchange program at the middle school level.

Discussion ensued on the possibilities of establishing pen pal relationships with students and seeking civic organizations to assist with sister city activities and exchange programs.

SCHOOLS IN RELATION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS

Community Development Director reported that City staff is working with the Comprehensive Plan consultant on an

existing conditions report that will help develop a facilities plan in preparation of the Comprehensive Plan. He indicated that in the spring, alternative land uses and plan analyses on impacts and growth will be studied.

Discussion ensued on the importance of the Comprehensive Plan.

OTHER

Councilmember Henry announced that the Partners in Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 1997, at 3:30 p.m. at Greater Lakes Mental Health.

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Deputy Mayor Thomas reported that the Human Services Collaboration is working to build a sense of community and partnership projects.

School Board Chair Lang thanked Deputy Mayor Thomas for her services with the School District as acting principal, helping with administration and closing down a school. In appreciation for her dedication to youths, School Board Chair Lang presented Deputy Mayor Thomas with a bell.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BILL HARRISON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALICE M. BUSH, CMC

CITY CLERK