

HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 18th, 2022 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

- Musa called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. on 5/18/22.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Matt Maldonado led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Introductions

- Musa, Jen, and Katie were present and introduced themselves.

4. Approve minutes for the MAC meeting on March 30th

- Jen motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 3/30/22. Katie seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

5. Approve AB 361 Virtual Meeting Requirements Resolution

- Matt explained AB 361. The bill relates to groups holding virtual meetings and requires boards to approve the virtual meeting requirements resolution and enter it as part of the minutes. The resolution must be voted on, approved, and posted per the Brown Act.
- Matt explained that this resolution is only good while the state of emergency as declared by the governor is still in effect. Jen asked if it was possible to make online meetings permanent following the elimination of the emergency order in order to provide opportunities for more community members to attend.
- Jen motioned to approve the resolution. Katie seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. New Business:

A. Appoint Nick Hinojosa as Alternate Board member

- Musa introduced Nick Hinojosa as an alternate board member for the MAC.
- Katie motioned to approve the appointment and Jen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. RUSD Spring Street Elementary School Status Update (5-10 minute presentation) ○

Sergio San Martin, *RUSD Assistant Superintendent of Operations Division*

- **Ana Gonzalez**, *RUSD Director of Facilities/Planning & Development*
- Q & A (10 minutes)
- Belen Bobadilla introduced Roger Clarke as the lead architect on the project. Roger introduced the rest of the architect team who will be working on the project.

- Roger provided details regarding the Highgrove II site as a TK-6 configuration with a max capacity of 750 students. He explained that the design team is discussing the types of spaces that would benefit the school like maker spaces, TK classrooms, and media centers.
- Roger reviewed the planning process for the project including visioning workshops for community input prior to finalizing the design. Visioning will take place over the next 3-6 months before floor plans and site plans begin. The project must then go through various local approvals and DSA prior to being shovel-ready.
- The next steps include program verification, educational specifications development, scheduling committee meetings, stakeholder engagement, and project updates.
- Musa asked about the timeline on the project breaking ground. Sergio explained that the timeline Roger reviewed typically takes about one year with DSA approval taking additional time. He explained that shovel-ready means the project is ready to get in line for state funding.
- Katie asked if the district had considered the attendance boundaries for the new school and how that might impact the existing Highgrove Elementary. Sergio explained that the new school would be one of three serving the Highgrove community including Highgrove and Highland. He explained that although growth has taken place in the area, enrollment has not increased as expected. He shared that as the district moves forward with the process of getting the project to shovel-ready status these considerations will be discussed by the design committee and district throughout the process. He shared that the attendance boundaries will consider how to balance the attendance between the three schools.
- Jen asked if students from all three schools would feed into University Middle School and the timeline for the school to open. Sergio stated that yes, students would feed into University Heights and that the timeline could be 5-6 years.
- Kathy Gray asked if the architects who did the Highgrove renovation were the same as the ones doing the new project. Sergio explained that Runau Clarke will be the architect for the new project as well. Kathy asked if the construction team would also be the same. Sergio explained that the project goes to bid before identifying the construction team.
- Kathy asked about enrollment at Highgrove currently and the potential impact of new housing continuing to be built. Sergio explained that the district monitors enrollment and that the Highgrove community has seen a decline in enrollment in the last several years. He shared that the district tracks housing development in the area to project enrollment trends and that the district will be monitoring the situation very closely.

C. KB Home Park Update (5-10 minute presentation)

- Status update on what are the exact building plans are for the park
 - **Chris Earle**, *KB Home Representative*
 - Q & A (10 minutes)
- Chris Earle from KB Home introduced himself and shared that the department of water resources required the project to undergo a redesign due to a pipeline that runs under the park and two new housing tracks.
 - This redesign added a tee-ball field and reduced the size of the dog park. The plans include a soccer pitch, basketball courts, shade sails, and a tot lot. There will be restrooms near the parking on the south side of the park.
 - The park will be 18 acres. Construction is slated to start in approximately 6 months. Construction will take approximately 6 months and is targeted for completion in about one year.
 - The new RUSD school site is near the totlot section of the park.

D. Transportation Ride Along Update (5-10 minute presentation)

- **Jeff Girod**, *MAC Chair*

○ Q & A (10 minutes)

- Jeff provided an update on a tour of the community he took with Wendell and Matt to discuss potential options for alleviating traffic in the area. Jeff discussed the potential of paving an existing unpaved road or using the property owned by the transit agency.
- Dennis Acuna explained that there is a challenge with any road through the area that has to cross the train tracks. He next discussed the condominiums planned to be built in the area. He explained that for planning purposes, they do not consider California Ave. as it is privately owned by a railroad company. North of Center St., all of the properties are currently privately owned. Any changes would need to be worked out with Union Pacific Railroad as they own the property. He explained that there are intersection distance requirements that may prohibit any project in the area.
- Jeff expressed concern about the increasing housing density and lack of investment in traffic considerations. Dennis explained how and why traffic studies are typically conducted and that California street has not been studied in the past because it is private property. He explained that there may be opportunities to improve existing streets like Transit and Prospect.

7. Future agenda items*

- Musa suggested an update on the 7/11 planned for Center and Mount Vernon.
- Jen asked for the Sherriff's office representatives be invited back to discuss an increase in home invasions in the city of Riverside.
- Kathy Gray suggested inviting Code Enforcement back to the meetings
- Jeff asked if there is a possibility of meeting with the new supervisor for Highgrove prior to the change to discuss progress made with Supervisor Speigel's office.
- Jeff asked about having the new dispensaries in the area related to events and code violations.
- Jeff suggested adding a session on how the community can better support Highgrove Elementary

8. Announcements

- Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: *July 27th, 2022*
- You may wish to sign up for the Spiegel Spotlight monthly newsletter as well as join Supervisor Spiegel's social media to receive updates relating to the Second District. Below is the link to sign up for the monthly Spiegel Spotlight. Feel free to sign up at www.rivcodistrict2.org.

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

- Musa adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

* Those wishing to ask one question or make a single comment after a presentation, should raise their hand. After being recognized by the board, please stand up, state your name and ask your question or make your comment and please sit down.

*New issues raised during the public comment period will not be discussed by the council during that meeting, they may, if warranted, be included as a future item.

*Alternative formats available upon request. If you require reasonable accommodation, please contact DISTRICT2@rivco.org two weeks prior to the meeting.

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The Highgrove MAC meetings are on the last Wednesdays of the scheduled month.

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