



Office of the City Manager

2 X 2 COMMITTEE MEETING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, March 22, 2024
2:30 – 4:00 pm
2020 Bonar Street, Room 126
Berkeley, CA 94702
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Committee Members:

Councilmember Sophie Hahn
Councilmember Terry Taplin

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President
Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for March 22, 2024
3. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2023 (Attachment 1)
4. Public Comment (10 min)
5. Discussion Items
 - 5.1 Update 2020 Vision/YEP (15 min)
 - 5.2 Summer programming coordination between COB and BUSD (15 min)
(Are both agencies working together to promote summer offerings to vulnerable students?)
 - 5.3 Bright Streets /Street Safety implementation update + engagement with BUSD principals (15 min)
 - 5.4 Update on parking permits for BHS staff (15 min)
6. Action Items
 - 6.1 Prioritize Future Agenda Items
 - 6.2 Confirm 2024 Meeting Schedule:
Dates: 5/24, 8/23, 9/20, 10/25, 11/22
Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm
7. Adjournment



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**Notes - 2x2 Committee Meeting
November 9, 2023**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:42 am.

Absent: Councilmember Terry Taplin. Present: Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board Vice President; Councilmember Sophie Hahn, City of Berkeley and Laura Babitt, BUSD Board President.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for November 9, 2023

Hahn moved to approve the November 9th agenda, as well as motioned to move Item 5.2 up on agenda. Motion was approved and seconded.

3. Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2023

Vasudeo moved to approve minutes of June 16, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed.

4. Public Comment (3 people)

Coach Jeff Jew urged committee to move the tennis courts project forward.

Peter Write also spoke in support of tennis courts.

Cordell Hindler invited committee to Contra Costa Mayor's Conference in December.

5. Discussion Items

5.2 Update on Bright Streets: Status of Work from Public Works

Hamid Mostowfi came in person and provided update on the annual program. The traffic maintenance group throughout the year does visual and site evaluation of the pavement, marking signage in the streets and then prioritize them in order to improve, implement some refreshing and necessary maintenance of the signs.

Board Member Vasudeo asked about how schools and City are coordinating and prioritizing, how requests are made.

Hamid responded how they are doing that – mostly via email with the various schools. There is a form that is being used and has been shared with the schools.

Council Member Hahn spoke about how Bright Streets initiated several years ago and the intent. City's intent was to refresh each summer. It would be good for City to know the district's priorities in spring so plans can be made for summer? Or is this more of a rolling program?

Hamid – said they don't really wait – they just keep working on it as things come up, and then do really push to get as many schools done during the summer. He talked more about annual refresh process.

Council Member Hahn – Thought perhaps the coordination could be refined and suggested that City & District coordinate more on that.

Board President – spoke about timing of work at a particular school where other work is getting done. Hamid noted that it will likely not affect their work. He asked for a contact at that school.

John Calise is best contact

John indicated that there does need to be better coordination for schools with modernization going on – and he noted that they can reach out to him directly.

Question was also asked by Facility Mgr. if COB works with Safe Routes to School and asked about how COB prioritize complaints. Hamid responded – yes, planning group works Safe Routes to School, we apply and get grants for projects at school. In re complaints received, it's driving by evaluation on how it ranks in order of safety and then also if it's coming from school district.

Board Member Vasudeo asked about Regal St. that they have been asking to be one-way, but also involves County – Hamid noted that it needs a study – he noted it can be added to work plan, behind other projects in the pipeline.

Council Member Hahn clarified that Bright Streets is more just refreshing, replacing – not big projects. She suggested that PW put together a list of the more mid-size projects, like the one just asked about – and also funding needs to be identified. There are a lot of these types that are very much in between a small fix and a big project, and they don't get completed efficiently because they tend to not be prioritized.

Board President Babbitt called time to move on to item 5.4 Update on Milvia Street project and parking permits due to staffs' time constraints.

5.4 Update on Milvia Street Project and Parking Permits

John Calise gave a brief update – shared a parking study – the project from district's perspective is on hold.

Deputy City Manager Cardwell gave a brief update and that item will go to council on 12/12 with options

Council Member Hahn chimed in and said we are working and being creative – lots of internal meetings. She asked about how many spaces, exactly, does the district need the City to help with? The scale will really matter in terms of which options are most feasible.

John Calise – it is not an easy answer – explained why... some teachers aren't there all day, etc. His # is 400 staff members – 140 spaces existing – so he estimates that they need about 250 spaces – it may be less based on those that don't drive to work.

Councilmember Hahn said she would rather he provide total number of staff at high school – no need to distinguish full time from part time, position, etc. She wants the full number on BHS payroll. She noted that we can't solve the problem without the information from the staff about how many drive. She emphasized we really need how many people who are on payroll are driving and are they already parking in the neighborhoods. This information is important to convey the impacts. Knowing where folks are coming from is helpful too, for example, probably don't need to give permits to those that live in Berkeley.

Superintendent noted she hears what is needed and appreciates that we are trying.

Councilmember Hahn noted that most options will require City Council action.

Board President noted they (teachers) can show up at the council meeting to express support.

Washington Street school – question about that – will this effort include them? Council Member Hahn responded that BHS is different since downtown, and Washington is in residential zone – they should be able to get permits.

Councilmember Hahn also noted that there is a need for City employee parking as well – so that is an issue as well.

Board President Babbitt called time to move on to next item 5.1.

5.1 BUSD Presentation on Zero Waste Efforts

Stephen Collins, Sustainability Maintenance Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on “BUSD Reusable Foodware Implementation Plan”.

Overview of Reusable Foodware Project:

Phase 1 – Project implementation – As of Fall 2023, we have implemented at King Middle School and Cragmont Elementary. John Muir was postponed to January 2024 due to some issues with supply chain as far as purchasing all things that are required to be able to do dishes. King, Cragmont and John Muir were chosen for phase one because they already had dishwashers and they had sufficient staffing to do the dishes.

Phase 2 – Berkeley Technology Academy, Willard Middle School and Longfellow. Willard and Longfellow already have the dishwasher machines in place. They have sufficient staffing. At BTEch, we're actually looking at doing a little mini modernization for the kitchen, which will take a while, but we can still implement dishwashing at BTEch. We're looking at Spring 2024.

Phase 3 – Will be in Fall 2024. None of the rest of our schools have dishwasher machines in them. So now we're getting into making facilities modifications on a minor level. This is not bond money. We've already walked Malcolm, Ruth Acty and Thousand Oaks with a contractor to look at doing minor modifications.

Conclusion - We know that for any project to be successful, it needs to have proper maintenance. So we'll be working with our teams to conduct site visits, engage in conversations with staff at the site, including custodians. We're also really excited to be collaborating with the new climate literacy teacher on special assignment who will be working with us to coordinate and facilitate learning opportunities that connect with this project and waste reduction. So that could include waste audits with the students and getting them involved in that way. We also plan on continuously assessing cost savings.

Board President Babbitt asked how can we involve Oxford in the plan sooner than later? Collins advised that Oxford has been evaluated and may make it in phase 3.

Board President Babitt moved to extend meeting to 12:15 pm. The motion was seconded and approved.

5.3 Update 2020 Vision/YEP

Nina Goldman, program manager for the Berkeley Youth Equity Partnership (YEP), along with Katie Corbian, and Berkeley High students provided update on YEP, formerly known as Berkeley's 2020 Vision.

Berkeley Youth Equity Partnership Reimagined framework, which was presented to 2x2 on April 28, 2023. The shared goal that BUSC and the city of Berkeley have is to make sure that African-American Black and Latinx young people in Berkeley have the opportunity to thrive in every way.

Highlights for meeting are two areas of YEPs work. The first is about YEPs strategy to invest in and strengthen local providers through the City's community agency RFP process. And second, we are sharing our progress on making YEPS work more youth centered, which we're doing by increasingly focusing this initiative on the experiences and aspirations of black and brown Berkeley youth.

The community agency RFP, which was released on November 6, 2023, includes \$6.7 million over four years. Community agencies that provide high quality services and opportunities that

promote the wellbeing of African-American Black and Latinx Young people and their families are strongly encouraged to apply.

We're going to focus on our progress towards centering YEPs work on the youth we serve. By the end of December, we're going to hire 15 to 20 African-American Black and Latinx High and community college students to review all of the RFP applications submitted for funding. We're going to train and support them. And we're also partnering with the City's Youth Works program to streamline the payment. And we have a really great youth development expert who we have hired as a consultant to work with the youth on understanding the RFP process. At the end of April 2024, the youth reviewers are going to present their funding recommendations to city council.

Berkeley High students presented some reflections from the YEP logo design team and shared the winning logo design.

Board President Babitt had a question about the grant, and if there was marginal funding increase for new programs. Response to Babitt's questions is that it's up to city council to determine. We also have a new review panel which has a fresh set of eyes that can make recommendations.

Vasudero asked if in the application process, if there is room for organizations like SPED organizations that serve in maybe a more culturally responsive way or black and Latinx learners, or has there been any outreach to SPED organizations? Response to Vasudero, we are working with closely aligning with CCEIS to try to figure out how we can support special ed kids.

6. Action Items

6.1 Prioritize Future Agenda Items

- YEP updates will be a standing item
- BHS Parking item for half an hour

7. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm