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2x2 Committee Agenda
Berkeley City Council Meeting

November 9, 2023
2020 Bonar Street, Room 126
Berkeley, CA 94702
Hybrid Option:
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Webinar ID: 898 0671 4427
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10:30 - 12:00 PM

Committee Members:

Berkeley Unified School District	Berkeley City Council
Laura Babitt, BUSD Board President, Chair	Councilmember Sophie Hahn
Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board Vice-President	Councilmember Terry Taplin

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for November 9, 2023
3. Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2023 (Attachment 1)
4. Public Comment (10 min)
5. Discussion Items

5.1	BUSD Presentation on Zero Waste Efforts (15 min)
5.2	Update on Bright Streets: Status of Work from Public Works (15 min)
5.3	Update 2020 Vision/YEP (20 min)
5.4	Update on Milvia Street Project and Parking Permits (15 min)

6. Action Items

6.1	Prioritize Future Agenda Items (10 min)
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7. Adjournment

This is a meeting of the 2x2 Committee of the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School District. Since a quorum of the Berkeley City Council may actually be present to discuss matters with the 2x2 Committee, this meeting is being noticed as a special meeting of the Berkeley City Council as well as the 2x2 Committee meeting.

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**Notes - 2x2 Committee Meeting
June 16, 2023**

Called to Order

Meeting commenced at 1:03 pm

Approval of Meeting Agenda for June 16, 2023

President Laura Babitt moved to approve agenda for meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed.

Present

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board Vice President; Councilmember Sophie Hahn, City of Berkeley and Laura Babitt, BUSD Board President were present at commencement of meeting.

Councilmember Terry Taplin arrived at 1:12 pm

Approval of Minutes for May 17, 2023

President Laura Babitt moved to approve minutes of May 17, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed.

Public Comment

Jeff Jue made comments regarding appreciation of work relating to teacher parking issue; as well as BHS students looking forward to getting tennis courts back at BHS.

Peter Wright echoed Coach Jue's comments about tennis courts, as well as commented regarding being encouraged by bond measure that passed with tennis courts and parking.

Ray Yep commented regarding need for tennis courts to return to Berkeley High and offered support and assistance for same.

Cordell Hindler invited 2x2 Committee members to Contra Costa Mayor's Conference on July 6th hosted by the town of Moraga.

Martha Cain commented regarding zero waste and discussion of reusable dishes in some BUSD cafeterias. Applauded the effort to get it launched in 23/24.

Discussion Item – 5.1 BUSD Presentation on Zero Waste Efforts

Superintendent Ford-Morthel presented on BUSD's Zero Waste Efforts. The presentation included Reusable Foodware Pilot Project which included challenges/barriers and where additional support is needed. BUSD would like City's input around the implementation of the single use ordinance. Sofia Peltz and Stephen Collins of BUSD presented slides for discussion item.

Questions and Answers following Discussion Item 5.1 Presentation

Councilmember Hahn stated excitement that efforts are in pilot mode. She also talked about advocacy at schools and districts for these types of programs and the work that Deborah Moore did on the Green Schools initiatives in hopes to get schools to go to reusables, recycle and other changes for zero waste. BUSD is the only one that Moore was never able to get to move forward. Zero waste has been a longstanding goal of the community.

Councilmember Hahn talked about a couple of ideas:

- Using the City's compostable list. Solution is reusables, any disposables are not a good solution
- Services that service corporate dining rooms like Google and contract with them to pick up/wash dishes
- Hotels and restaurants in Berkeley; kitchens are closed at night; dishwashing capacity in Berkeley that could be available.
- Labor – there are programs in Berkeley to partner with to provide entry level jobs and job training opportunities. The City has formerly homeless individuals who are ambassadors downtown.
- Motivated parents that are willing to volunteer.

Councilmember Taplin commended the District and recognized the work being done.

Director Vasudeo expressed thanks for updates. Further comments regarding the current use of a dishwasher at Cragmont, the Green team and use of reusable cutlery at the school.

Director Vasudeo requested more information regarding which campuses do not have a dishwasher, more specifics around cost and what it would take to make sure this is available to all our campuses or what a shared model could look like and, on the labor side, staffing numbers. Expressed curiosity of how a homeless ambassador program would work, as mentioned by Councilmember Hahn, from an equity perspective.

President Babitt stated excitement to take it to next level and expressed confidence that it can be done. She expressed need to understand the cost benefit analysis of the services available to District to contract work out. Acknowledged significant challenges with hiring staff to do this type of work and we also the added layer of being on the school campus and clearances needed. Further suggested that the District partner with Cal Berkeley or Berkeley City Community College and find out how they are washing their dishes. Also, looking into how BHS can be a spot for Vessel, as mentioned by a student at Climate Fair.

President Babitt asked what was the plan for the next school year 23/24.

Stephen Collins advised that a plan was not currently in place.

Superintendent Ford-Morthel stated this meeting was one of the things to get a plan in place. The challenges are getting people, facilities having dishwashers and funding. Would like to work with executive team, work on a plan and discuss further at next 2x2 meeting.

President Babbitt summarized that the District will come back with a plan and agreement for a target date of 24/25 school year, which also meets BUSD sustainability plan goals. Babbitt asked to understand what is involved in a pilot program of washing dishes?

Stephen Collins responded that it is having the people to wash the dishes. Money is needed to fill the positions.

Councilmember Hahn suggested having as part of the plan -- recruitment and retention for this classification and look at you whether increasing pay, different working conditions, bonuses, referring friends.

Councilmember Taplin asked if a union gets brought into the project, who do they bargain with.

Stephen Collins responded staff is unionized. The partner organization called the Merit Commission controls all of the recruiting.

President Babitt summarized that staffing is the current challenge. Would also like to understand costs, possibly partnering with Cal Berkeley or Berkeley Community College or bigger entities.

Prioritize Future Agenda Items

President Babitt mentioned continuing the conversation around the parking structure and the permits.

Director Vasudeo mentioned Bright Streets and that there are specific requests from district principals around public works projects at the school sites. Would like to know if there are public works requests that district needs to collaborate on. There are also pending safe routes to school safety assessments and need collaboration with planning staff at the city to implement some of the recommendations.

President Babitt commented about needing updates around the 2020 vision (YEP) and how those funds are being allocated. RFP needed, Grants. Collaborate more with being able to expand things that are working and just simplifying that process in general.

Anne Cardwell advised that Dr. Lisa Warhuus (Director of HHCS) requested that YEP be a standing item on agenda.

Councilmember Hahn commented about Bright Streets and asked regarding status of work from Public Works.

Summary of agenda topics

- Zero Waste
- Bright Streets
- 2020 Vision/YEP
- Transportation - Safety
- Parking Structure and Permits

Next Meeting

September 8, 2023 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.