



**ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE COMMITTEE**

Executive Summary  
May 12, 2005

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- a. Library Department Annual Update (Library)

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- b. Report on Youth Services Priorities (Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/ Department of Transportation)

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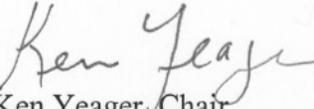
- d. Update on San José's High School Initiative (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

**Deferred to August 11, 2005.**

- e. Oral Petitions

- f. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

  
Ken Yeager, Chair  
All Children Achieve Committee



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Meeting Report  
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PRESENT: Chair Ken Yeager, Council Member Nancy Pyle

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Chirco (excused)

STAFF: Mark Linder, Barbara Jordan, Maria Hurtado, Angel Rios, Neil Rufino, Linda Crabill, Gordon Yusko, Captain Jack Farmer, Jane Light, Maria Le

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a. Library Department Annual Update (Library)

Jane Light, City Librarian, reported the Library's bond projects are moving along more or less on schedule. She stated there is no exact date of the opening of the Rose Garden Branch but they are looking at some time in September. More discussion around construction costs will take place at the budget hearing as they have risen substantially. There has been a 2-3% increase in circulation. The library system continues to be one of the busiest large public libraries in the country measured by both total circulation and checkouts.

Jane reported on self-service and automation options and found that most people prefer it because it's a more private transaction. Currently, over 90% of the items have been checked out by customers themselves. There is no other big public library in the country that could say that. She mentioned that they are monitoring new products that automate the process of checking in and /or sorting returned materials. As technology improves and prices fall, these have considerable potential for keeping the libraries efficient and would free staff to directly assist library users. She added that she anticipates receiving a grant from State Library to purchase and install one of those automated systems for the Vineland library. The cost of the automated system per branch is \$300,000.

Jane commented that Dr. Patricia Seen Breivik, Dean of the SJSU Library is retiring in June and said she has been an excellent partner in their collaboration. A search is underway for her successor and Jane mentioned she is on the search committee.

Jane reported that they had been searching for a vendor who would be able to provide snacks and espresso service at libraries as part of the Internet Café concept. A vendor has been found for Vineland Branch. If successful, other branches will also offer this service. She distributed the San Jose Public Library 2003-2004 Comparison to Local and Comparable Library Systems listing. She mentioned that it was the most current data she had which comes out of the State library and shows the comparison with other city libraries' operating expenditures per capita, circulation per FTE staff and circulation per capita.

Councilmember Pyle asked if the RFID bar code labeling system would be something that could be incorporated at the stores where you could make a donation of a \$1 to a campaign of your choice. Jane answered by saying that they anticipate a substantial drop in price for the RFID tags. The Library is observing the entire branch system and monitoring the RFID prices and some issues around privacy. Some people are concerned about a library card having an RFID chip which would have embedded personal information.

Councilmember Pyle said she was impressed with the Library and said that they are doing a great job.

Chair Yeager asked about the parking situation at King library. Jane informed him that she had both good and bad news. The good news is that after 6 p.m. it is free, the bad news is that the students like that and use the parking spaces, which creates a problem for those actually going to the library. Informal discussions have taken place to look at options to both free up the garage for people who are not going to class and/or get one hour free and pay after to discourage students and generate revenue for the garage.

**Upon motion of Chair Yeager, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.**

- b. Report on Youth Services Priorities (Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/Department of Transportation)

Maria Hurtado, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) introduced Angel Rios from PRNS, as well as the CSA team made up of Linda Crabill from the Department of Transportation, Captain Jack Farmer from the San Jose Police Department, and Gordon Yusko from the Library. The focus of their presentation was on what strategy was incorporated to put the budget proposals together. One of the items that Maria wanted the Committee to understand was that the City Council's goals were taken into consideration as the budget proposals were developed. Maria stated that it would be helpful for the Committee to understand the strategy that was used across the CSA's, and turned the presentation over to Angel Rios to review this strategy. He reported that every youth-serving department within the City was convened and all agreed on a common goal, which is to achieve a youth service delivery continuum of care to include or begin with early and lifelong learning, prevention, intervention for those youth that have been disconnected from their families and communities.

Angel added that once all youth services were identified, there was a need to focus on making a connection internally, as well as externally - research what services are being provided externally provided by either Community Based Organizations, the County, State and so forth, and internally connecting the dots means identifying who's doing what followed by clarifying what is being done and is it enough. The next part would be to implement the plans that have been discussed and develop one children and youth services master plan next fiscal year. When faced with the challenge of helping all children achieve, three guiding principles need to be used: strengthening young people, supporting families, and building communities.

Councilmember Pyle asked if they found duplicity in programs and if so, was that program taken away. Angel replied by being at the table, they have found some duplicity. Gordon added that a year ago, the Library integrated the Office of Early Care and Education with its literacy programs.

Chair Yeager asked when will they begin working on this master plan and when will they have it completed. Angel could not give him an answer about a completion date, as that was being work on at the next CSA meeting. They hope it will be within the next six months. Angel added that they would work with outside agencies.

Maria stated that the MGPTF is a model that realigned money and focused on a certain target population within a one-year period. That meant that other people were not going to get funded but we were able to go through that difficult process fairly quickly. The City of San Jose now works more closely with the CBOs that receive funds. Since the restructure, the Police Department, PRNS and the CBOs have worked together across the city and great efficiencies have been noticed.

Maria mentioned that the re-use strategy that will be discussed in the future is a good opportunity to continue to look at how the City of San Jose partners with CBOs interested in the use of facilities.

Chair Yeager expressed that with the difficult times the City is facing with the budget, there is never enough money. He thinks about the programs that are either being cut or not expanding to deal with youth in the Safe Schools, TABS and prevention programs. He worries there will be a great master plan but the City is not really funding it enough to be effective.

Assistant City Manager Mark Linder asked if the Youth Commission would participate in this Master Plan as they had in the prior plan. Angel replied that they would have an even greater role, not just in terms of the overall planning, but also in the monitoring of it.

Chair Yeager thanked staff for being present and for their presentation.

**Upon motion of Chair Yeager, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.**

- c. Schools/City Collaborative Joint Use Agreements – Discussion on how we can better work with schools (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Maria Hurtado, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services and Neil Rufino of the Grants Unit presented an update on the Schools/City Collaborative (SCC) Joint Use Agreements. Neil reported that the SCC was created in 1997 by the City Council and school districts to better coordinate programs and services. In the past year, Mayor Ron Gonzales revamped the SCC beginning with a retreat that took place on October 21, 2004 with the superintendents throughout the City. They identified the following four strategic goals: (1) provide San Jose youth with a safe environment that allows children to achieve academically; (2) provide students with the support needed to enhance student performance; (3) enhance the joint use ventures between the City of San Jose and the 19 school districts; and (4) address transportation barriers to ensure safe access to and from school.

Neil stated that this presentation is focusing on the efforts with the Joint Use Agreements and its three-phase process. The three phases are: Inventory and Assessment; Review and Analyze; Negotiate and Execute. Currently, PRNS is in phases one and two. In the analysis, they found that currently PRNS has multiple contracts, with the major ones being community recreation agreements. They also have capital agreements, capital and lease agreements, aquatics agreements, facility use agreements and some program specific agreements. On the larger community recreation agreements, they found that within the 19 school districts, 42% will terminate in December of 2005, and 58% have currently expired. Neil explained that they want to make sure that all types of agreements have an underlying master agreement. Maria mentioned that capital agreements would be minimally impacted because those have specific long-term agreements. Neil mentioned that the analysis shows that the City has provided on the average \$35 million a year. Maria added that at the last meeting the Mayor had with the superintendents, they discussed the budget crisis and the issues the schools and the city were facing. During the discussion around charges, the Mayor explained the investments that were being made into their schools. He provided a clear picture of the mutually beneficial partnership between the schools and the City. Senior Deputy City Attorney Barbara Jordan asked to be included in the evaluation process. Neil mentioned that PRNS is recommending a top level negotiating team including City attorneys. The SCC is scheduled to meet in August before school begins.

Chair Yeager asked if this issue is being dealt with at the SCC level or should the ACA Committee should more involved. He wouldn't want to duplicate the effort if it is really being handled through the Collaborative.

Chair Yeager made reference to the Committee as a whole, and expressed his frustration at dealing with this issue for four years without much progress. He added that if the SCC is handling this, he does not want staff to duplicate their efforts and have the ACA Committee take it on as a major issue.

Neil said that it is established in the SCC workplan. Maria reiterated the four strategic goals that were previously mentioned, the joint use agreement issue is the one that is being addressed through that effort with great emphasis. Maria mentioned that it does not need to

be exclusively reported to one or the other that when they report it to the SCC they can report it to this Committee, as well. Maria stated that PRNS would include it on the upcoming six-month workplan. Councilmember Pyle offered to help with San Jose Unified and Oak Grove School Districts.

Maria expressed that there are different relationships with different school districts. Chair Yeager added that he would like to continue this discussion next month and asked for an overview of which districts have agreements and any other additional information that may pertain to this so as to have a better status report on all 19 school districts.

Mark Linder said that it is appropriate for this Committee to work on this matter, as they are the route to Council. Mark confirmed what Chair Yeager would like to see next month, a district by district matrix outlining whether there are agreements or not in place.

Chair Yeager also added that it would be good to see what type of agreement, for example are the fields open, do they charge, etc.

Maria also added that they would add the negotiation points that are either preventing the City from moving forward or have assisted them in moving forward.

Chair Yeager mentioned that after reviewing it through this committee it should be distributed to the full council so that they are informed as well.

**Upon motion to continue this item by Chair Yeager, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.**

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