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- IX. Housing of Police Officers on School Property – ***Kathy McCormick/Chief Eric Johnson***
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**MINUTES OF THE
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I. OPENING ACTIVITIES

CALL TO ORDER

A joint meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Santa Fe Board of Education was called to order by Frank Montaño, President, Board of Education, and Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz, Acting Chair, on October 30, 2007, at approximately 4:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers [Mayor Coss arrived shortly thereafter]. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation, roll call indicated the presence of quorums, as follows:

Members Present

Mayor David Coss
Councilor Miguel Chavez, Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilor Patti J. Bushee
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez
Councilor Karen Heldmeyer
Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo
Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger

School Board Members Present

Frank Montaño, President
Martin Lujan, Vice-President
Angelica Ruiz, Secretary
Mary Ellen Gonzales
Richard Polese
Dr. Leslie Carpenter, Superintendent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Wurzbarger arrived at the meeting at this time

Councilor Ortiz said he and Councilor Heldmeyer will need to leave the meeting to attend a Rail Runner meeting fairly soon.

Board member Ruiz suggested moving Item #8 behind Item #2, given that two of the Councilors will be leaving early

Terrie Rodriguez said she spoke with Mayor Coss, and asked to consider #11, right after Item #2 and to consider these together.

Councilor Calvert suggested moving Item #9 to be heard with Item #8.

Councilor Dominguez said Item #8 won't take a lot of time, noting it is just the introduction of a Joint Resolution cosponsored by Board member Ruiz and himself.

City Council approval

Councilor Calvert, seconded by Councilor Heldmeyer to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was approved on a voice vote with Councilors Calvert, Dominguez, Heldmeyer, Ortiz, Trujillo and Wurzbarger voting for the motion, none against, and Councilors Chavez and Bushee absent.

Board of Education approval

The agenda was approved unanimously by a voice vote of the Board of Education.

Mayor Coss arrived at the meeting at this time

II. STATUS OF PLANNING FOR A CITY/SFPS – REGIONAL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER (RCTC). (DR. LESLIE CARPENTER)

Dr. Carpenter introduced all of the Santa Fe Public Schools staff in attendance.

Bobbie Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent, thanked Board member Mary Ellen Gonzales and Councilor Dominguez for serving on the Steering Committee for the RCTC.

Ms. Gutierrez said the need for the Center was recognized by the Community, and it is supported by the School Board, City of Santa Fe, County of Santa Fe and the Community College. Last year \$212,000 in planning funds was requested for the facility from the Legislature, and \$157,000 was received, noting the School District is the fiscal agent for these funds.

Ms. Gutierrez was assigned the task to form a Committee of the four entities to begin planning discussions. There has been one meeting. She read in a facilities design magazine about a wonderful facility in South Bend, Indiana, which was planned by Dr. George Copa of Oregon State University, which had won many awards. She said Dr. Copa specializes in working with communities in planning these kinds of facilities. She said the facility sounded very similar to the ideas the Committee had discussed. She invited Dr. Copa to visit Santa Fe, and in September Dr. Copa came to Santa Fe and met with a core group from the Committee. The group felt it would be a good use of the planning funds to hire Dr. Copa to help plan this facility over the next few months.

Ms. Gutierrez said on October 18, 2007, there was a second meeting of the Committee

and Dr. Copa, and they are in the process of finalizing his contract. A steering committee has been formed to guide the planning phases. They are contacting people in the community, including students, to serve on the design committee, which will be 40-50 people with a commitment to attend six meetings over the next 6-8 months.

Councilor Chavez arrived at the meeting at this time.

Ms. Gutierrez said the Steering Committee is considering multiple sites and determining the non-negotiables for the design Committee. The Committee also will be developing a funding plan and a communication plan, and a facilities plan will be developed once the planning is under way. They will be asking for Legislative funding for architectural engineering services. The Steering Committee is also charged with obtaining the involvement of the Superintendent, the Mayor, the County Manager and the President of the Santa Fe Community College, for high levels of planning and involvement and to work on the funding plan and the communication plan. The first Design Group meeting is scheduled for December 2007, and prior to that there will be another Steering Committee meeting.

Councilor Heldmeyer said we have heard about communication, funding, design and site selection, but she has not heard discussion about deciding what the program will be.

Ms. Gutierrez said these questions have been asked by the Steering Committee, and the program will be what the Design Committee determines. She said they don't know if it will be co-sited, a single site, or what.

Councilor Heldmeyer asked what will happen inside these buildings or building.

Ms. Gutierrez said this will be determined in the programming phase – what will best serve the community based on the City's economic development survey. The Community College recently completed a survey. The Steering Committee, through the Communication Plan will determine what other surveys are needed in order to determine the specific programming and what is needed in the community.

Councilor Heldmeyer believes the programming should come first.

Ms. Gutierrez said the programming will be a part of the design phase. She said she was asked to give a very short summary, and this is a very complicated project, indicating she would be willing to meet with Councilor Heldmeyer individually and/or to provide more information.

Board member Polese said it might be helpful to talk about some of the things which might be program elements, which might help Councilor Heldmeyer understand where the program is going. He stressed that these may or may not occur.

Ms. Gutierrez said there most likely will be a package which includes construction management and all phases of construction management. There may be something related to film, the hospitality industry, the arts, transportation as well as some other things. She said they want to look at the need in the community and State over the next few years. She said Dr. Copa cautioned the Committee to create programs which have flexibility, because in ten years things will have changed, citing the experience with Vo-Tech.

Councilor Chavez said, for him as a self-employed woodworker and carpenter, he can relate to the significance of vocational and industrial arts training. He believes these need to be balanced with other activities such as sports.

Councilor Chavez said, with regard to multiple sites, he would like the early discussions to include the distance traveled, noting it is important to consider the issue of transportation. He pointed out that the young families are mostly on the fast-growing southside. He hopes multiple sites will be considered seriously.

Councilor Chavez asked if there has been discussion about doing an analysis on the old building to see what it would cost to bring that building back on line, commenting that the numbers have to work.

Ms. Gutierrez said they are just beginning these discussions, and much of this will be determined within the design phase – whether a single facility, multiple facilities, co-sited with something already existing. She noted there is space on the south campus to expand, but the concern then becomes how the kids from Capital get there, what it means for the community and such. She reiterated that they are in the very early planning stages, and have met with Copa only twice, and they will have more to report in the Spring when they meet again.

Dr. Carpenter said the Schools are in a 3-way partnership, and there are joint resolutions with the Santa Fe Community College, the City and Santa Fe Public Schools to move forward, all of which successfully lobbied the Legislature for the planning funds. She said, although the School is staffing the meetings, taking minutes, sending notices, it is intended the three entities will come together and co-plan, noting the three entities are well represented at the meetings and at the table.

Dr. Carpenter said Dr. Copa has advised that the language has changed and it should be called Regional Career Technical Center [RCTC], noting he is the most knowledgeable person in pulling communities together to create facilities which reflect the community needs. She noted that Ms. Gutierrez has taken the lead, but they are more than willing to have co-leaders from all of the entities. This meeting this evening is the first step in hearing from the City, and it is important to keep the conversation going. She believes we are well on the way to seeing something in this Community which will enhance the lives of the students and the entire population.

Councilor Wurzbarger hopes, during planning, there is input from the City and that the Committee looks very carefully at the City's Economic Development Plan as a strong basis from which we can move forward. She said the major strength of our economy is small businesses, commenting that is important for people to own their own businesses and learning those skills very early in life is very important in making a good living.

Board member Ruiz thanked the Council for this joint session. She asked the definition of "regional facility." She said in looking at the concept, she understood this would be something which would be a self-supporting site, and not something that Santa Fe and Capital High Schoolers attended, but it would be a career center where students could go for four years, so there wouldn't be the transportation issue. This is her understanding from her conversations with Dr. Ortega and Councilor Dominguez. However, she is now confused by these conversations. She asked when we are saying "regional" are we just saying "Vo-Tech."

Dr. Carpenter said the issue of site has to be considered carefully. There have been discussions about citing the Center on School owned lands at the Santa Fe High campus where the old Vo-Tech is located, and/or School owned land near Capital High, and/or co-siting facilities so there would be specialized programs at both sites. She said they are staying open to fact finding around all of these issues on what would be best for the community.

Board member Ruiz said she supports the idea of promoting opportunities and options for students of Santa Fe Public Schools to have different modalities for obtaining their education – through regional technical/vocational facilities, athletics, magnet schools, charter schools, the SER academy. The most important thing is to provide different modalities for education. She agrees with Councilor Chavez that athletics isn't the only answer, but neither is the regional technical vocational center. She said she wants to cast her vote for the hospitality package and believes that would be sustaining in Santa Fe because of its tourism industry.

Councilor Dominguez said one of the reasons he was interested in this is, as a School Board member, is because it has the potential to reduce dropout rates, but as a City Councilor he also is interested in the economic development component of this, and has made an attempt to ensure economic development staff are attending the meetings.

Councilor Dominguez said, with regard to transportation, the Transit Study has a component which asks staff to look at transportation rates for youth, with perhaps free transportation for youth in the community in general. Part of this is establishing a youth transportation route, and whatever happens here could be part of that.

Councilor Dominguez said, with regard to the program, although the traditional vocational skills are very important, this is an opportunity for us to be innovative in coming up with new vocational skills, so we can start to look to the future. In order for our country to compete globally, we need to allow for our students to be creative. Many of our questions definitely will be discussed in the planning process.

Chairman Montañño said it is encouraging that a consultant was hired who has worked in a situation similar to that of Santa Fe. He said we have two high schools, and siting will be extremely important. If we decide to locate the Center at the high schools, it is important to provide the opportunities at both high schools. There is also the potential to consider a third site which is completely separate from the high schools. He believes we need to get out of this "rut," in thinking it needs to be at the site of the old Vo-Tech, noting there is ample space on the upper Santa Fe High campus for a state of the art career center, such as the one being planned. He believes the Vo-Tech property could be developed and ultimately assist the operational fund of the School District. He urged caution in the siting. He said, for example, it is a hardship of sorts on the kids who are taking classes at both the upper and lower campus, in terms of the time to get to classes.

Councilor Bushee arrived at the meeting at this time

Board member Lujan asked Ms. Gutierrez to discuss the timeline for the roll out of this project.

Ms. Gutierrez said it will be a 6-8 month process, with very intense meetings, getting community input, reporting out and communicating. The Intent is that by the end of summer

2008 to have a plan to obtain funding. She commented that for most facilities, from beginning to end, it is a 3-5 year process.

Board member Lujan noted on the Vo-Tech campus there currently are auto mechanics, building trades, horticulture and such, and asked if the District will continue to embrace those programs as we move forward, or if we are looking to cut those programs.

Ms. Gutierrez said at the last meeting there was a discussion about the survey which will be done of the programs currently offered at Santa Fe High, Capital High and at the Community College, and then figure out a coordination of those programs, but not a duplication of programs. It is difficult at this point to say whether those will remain the same, or evolve into something else, and that will be determined over time.

Board Member Lujan asked if we will continue to embrace these programs until the Center is a reality.

Ms. Gutierrez believes there will be no plans to change the curriculum for existing programs until we know what would be encompassed within the new facility, and then there would be a plan for phase out and roll in of new programs.

XI. TINO GRIEGO TEEN TECHNOLOGY CENTER. (TERRIE RODRIGUEZ/GALEN BULLER, CITY MANAGER)

Terrie Rodriguez presented information regarding this matter. She said there are two opportunities for this space of 11,918 sq. ft., 70% of which is taken up by the pool tank. There are two lockers, lobby space, some smaller office space, and some storage space. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board requested a teen center they could design, with uses similar to those in the existing Youth Center, but with more space, more participants and more opportunities to do things which are done in other City facilities.

Ms. Rodriguez said the other proposal is called "Think Tank," and different people from the community looked at the space and are proposing to use the space as a training facility both for film technicians and alternative energy workers. This is a great opportunity to work with our community partners to create a new learning environment for youth which blend these ideas into a teen center with a work force training and education program.

Ms. Rodriguez said the City can manage the facility and coordinate the use of the facility by the various groups, with an emphasis on the high school courses which are co-enrollment with the Community College. In addition, the Community College students can participate in the green technologies with modified solar, photovoltaic and other alternative courses currently provided by the Community College. There could be a teen center activity list which would be a center for teens to learn film technologies in pre-production, production and post-production of films. The space could be used for commercial, private film production during the off hours.

Ms. Rodriguez said there is a total occupancy capacity of 762 people, with a space for 491 in the assembly area. It is a facility which lends itself to combined uses. The cost for rehabilitating the facility will be high, regardless of its use. Currently, the City is working on the LaFarge Library, which is the adjoining building to Tino Griego. She said LaFarge is on the City

Council Agenda at its next meeting, and they are requesting \$500,000 for one architect to design the space for both for La Farge and Tino Griego. She hopes the Council and Board have had the opportunity to review the five-page summary which was prepared after meetings with people from the Schools, the College of Santa Fe, the Community College and representatives from the Think Tank. The next steps are identified on the last two pages of that document.

Kathy McCormick said one of the challenges in combining a work force training, a teen center and film production use is the timing. She worked with Think Tank and discussed it with the Santa Fe Community College, the School District and the College of Santa Fe. They are proposing that the first year is a "get your act together" year. The facility could be used for film production as many as 10 films a year, or as few as 4. During this year, the different agreements could be finalized. She said the College of Santa Fe expressed interest in looking at some joint promotion and marketing of its film study program as well as Tino Griego. There was interest in using the Tino Griego site for students in film from the Community College, the College of Santa Fe as well as the local high school to do films for different film class assignments.

Ms. McCormick said in evaluating this proposal, they learned that some of the best jobs coming from film production are post-production kinds of things, involving work with computers, editing and such, which become year-round employment. She said this generates longer term, better paying jobs.

Ms. McCormick said in the second year, film production would continue and the education programming would continue, and the renovations would start to take place. We would begin to look at the design for renewable energy, and incorporate that into some of the vo-tech aspects of the schools. She said in year three, it all starts to come together, and by year four, it is hoped all kinks are worked out, and it is an ongoing operational program.

Ms. McCormick said staff believes the film production can be scheduled around activities for the Teen Center, and for the work force and the educational component, because a lot of films are filmed during the evening hours, or there is ample lead time to begin to schedule classes and other things off site.

Councilor Chavez asked about set design and fabrication of props.

Ms. McCormick said they have discussed this with the Community College. The Community College would like to look at classes which might be coming in the future, and it will tailor its curriculum to meet that, so in some years it might be film set design and building, others could be post-production things.

Board member Polese would like more perspective with regard to what is the engine really driving this, commenting he was lobbied considerably by people in the labor movement in New Mexico and film people about this particular facility. He is unsure what a Teen Center would do in this case. He said Warehouse 21 is completing its facility which also will involve some media things, and asked if there would be coordination or conflict there.

Board Member Polese asked if there will be a coordinator for the entire thing and who gets precedence – education, teen and entertainment, or the film industry.

Ms. Martinez said the driving force would be the opportunities which have been presented to the City for this facility. She said the City was approached by the State for funding for green technologies as well as the film industry, again with funds from the State. The teen center came from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board which was looking for safe places, a bigger place to hang out – some place they could design – and Tino Chavez had been suggested previously for education, workforce development and a teen center.

Board member Polese asked if the rehabilitated facility will have LEEDS certification, noting the new southside school will be LEEDS certified, and will focus on environmental and sustainability things, and believes Santa Fe can be a real leader in this area with its record of sensitivity to these kinds of things.

Ms. Rodriguez said it will be LEEDS certified, and these are the goals of the City Council – to look at green technologies and becoming a more green City.

Councilor Heldmeyer left the meeting at this time

Councilor Bushee said each time we have seen this proposal at the City it is short on specifics, and she would like to see information in writing with regard to funds received, the timeline, the training focus, goals and objectives as well as any policies and procedures being contemplated with regard to this process. Councilor Bushee said the Council adopted a Resolution that if money wasn't forthcoming from the State for other suggested projects that the City would forward on a teen center.

Ms. McCormick said this is the next step. Staff has done its due diligence to determine any relationship between all of these concepts. She said she and Ms. Rodriguez have concluded there is a relationship, and wanted to check with these two bodies before moving forward to develop a business plan. It takes considerable time to get estimates on what we might receive from the film industry – leasing the building and how the IGAs or MOUs would work between the District, the City, the CC, the College of Santa Fe and the other entities.

Councilor Bushee recalled there was \$1 million from the Governor's Office, which we haven't received. She asked who is the Think Tank.

Ms. McCormick said there is \$500,000 for green technology and \$500,000 for film from the Governor's Office, but the City has to request a draw-down on those funds. She will dig into the specifics of that. She said the Think Tank Group is a group of people from the community who are involved in the film industry and, green technology.

Councilor Trujillo said Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Bushee informed him they had been trying to get something done with a teen center, but it always failed. He said giving something to the teens is much more important than movies right now. He said when the teens came before the Council after the Youth Summit, no one said anything about wanting to learn about making movies. They were very clear that they want a teen center where they can hang out and do other things. He said Santa Fe is not a kid-friendly town, and we need to make it a better place for our kids. He said if it is the Tino Griego Teen/Technology Center, who gets first choice when a movie production company comes in to film at 4:00 p.m., what happens to the teens. Do they get kicked out. He wants to be sure the first priority is to the teens. He wants to look at the potential of making this a two-story building. He isn't against the film industry, but

the youth of Santa Fe are more important to him, and he wants these issues to be addressed.

Board member Gonzales said this is the kind of discussion that we should have in the Steering Committee for the Regional Career Technical Center, and it clearly is where some of this discussion needs to happen. She agrees with Councilor Trujillo that we need a place for our teens, and she is very concerned about how we can fit the two things together. As a member of the Steering Committee, she will remember this and to ensure it is discussed.

Councilor Ortiz left the meeting at this time

Councilor Dominguez said we have said a lot as Councilors, but we need to remember the other very important partner is the School District. He said although the Councilors may think that center should be used primarily as a teen center, it may not be what the School thinks. He said we need to ensure the School District is engaged in this conversation as much as possible, and to be respectful that the School Board owns ½ of that building.

Chairman Montaña technically the City violated the lease, and the building actually belongs to the Schools if they pursue it. He said the last time we met jointly, he heard from the School Board that it is open to using that facility as a film center with solar panels and such to make it a green facility. He said the decision with regard to use needs to be made by the Council – whether it is a film center, a teen center or to mix the two together. He said, personally, he doesn't see how the two can be mixed together, but perhaps the Council can figure that out. He said once that is done, the City then needs to come to the School to work out a lease. He reiterated that, technically, the City is in violation of the lease. Chairman Montaña said the School's preference is to turn it back into a swimming facility, because the schools in the area use that pool facility heavily.

Mayor Coss said staff is working on this, and the Resolution under which staff is operating doesn't make it an "either/or," but to try to do both. As staff works on those details, the Council direction is that teens come first. He said it isn't necessarily a teen center, it is for the teens, and staff in working on programming is balancing the needs for a place for kids to hang out versus the need for training in our community for the jobs this community can provide. He said we need to approve a business plan before applying for the funds from the Governor's Office, noting this needs to be encumbered by the end of this fiscal year.

Chairman Montaña said the City made it clear to the School Board exactly how it wants to use this facility. He said until they see a concrete proposal, the School Board can't say how it thinks about creating a lease for that space.

Mayor Coss commented that this is just a progress report, and staff is working under a City Council Resolution.

Board Member Lujan agrees with Chairman Montaña that this decision needs to be made by the City Council with regard to the use. However, the language in the lease mentions that programs would be specific in priority to youth, hopefully the youth of the Santa Fe Public Schools. He echoes Councilor Bushee's request about the specifics, and he wants those as well. He is interested about any discussions and/or involvement between members of the Think Tank and the Steering Committee, what has been proposed, if they have met, and how this would fit in the overall master plan so we don't duplicate services. He heard Deputy

Superintendent Gutierrez mention the film industry as one of the components of programming, and Board member Polese spoke about the programming components at Warehouse 21, and now he is hearing about the additional programs proposed by the Think Tank. He would hope that group could come to the table with the Steering Committee, if the opportunity exists to program at all. He said a "win win" is possible, which would be a benefit to the community.

VIII. POLICE OFFICERS ON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES. (CHIEF ERIC JOHNSON)

A copy of the proposed Joint Resolution is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Councilor Dominguez said he and Board member Ruiz have drafted a joint resolution. He thanked Chief Johnson for his assistance. He said this is not a new issue, and previously while on the Board he stated, "If we can place cops on the Plaza, there is no reason why we cannot make a priority to our youth and place cops in the schools." This resolution directs staff to do three things: (1) seek grant funds for a Cops in the Schools program; (2) explore opportunities to hire retired police officers to patrol the high schools, including looking for grant funds for the program; and (3) the Santa Fe Public Schools look at the potential to create its own police force.

Councilor Dominguez stated that he believes our kids are safe in our public schools, and in some instances are safer there than in other parts of the community. He wants to make sure, through this police presence, we send a message to the youth and adults, and to the criminal elements of this community that we will not tolerate nor allow them to prey on our youth or to conduct criminal activity on our School properties. Our Schools should be one of the safest places in the community.

Board member Ruiz said she worked with Councilor Dominguez and Chief Johnson to create this Joint Resolution. She said safety should be proactive and not reactive. She believes safety is paramount, and wants to be able to say we did something before a tragedy occurred. She said if we were to have a tragedy involving youth, we would find the money, find the way and eliminate the obstacles. She said one thing she discussed with Chief Johnson was a stand alone public school force, although neither of them knows whether this can be done, but they want to look at this possibility. When something happens, the first thing people say is "Where were the police?" She said we need to work together to help keep safety at the forefront and paramount. She will be presenting the Joint Resolution at the next School Board meeting.

Chairman Montaño said he believes the School District has a very good relationship between its safety committee and staff with the Police Department, and good plans have been developed to ensure our campuses are safe at all times. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the Police Department and the City for its assistance in an emergency or a tragic situation which might or might not happen at the high schools. He appreciates the Resolution. However, he believes the Schools need to depend on the City to provide police protection for our students, commenting that the District is not large enough, in his opinion, to establish our own force. He said it doesn't make sense to establish a force of two police officers. He said at this time, we are asking for a police officer at each high school. He said when he was a City Councilor, grants were available to place officers at both middle schools and at both high

schools. He said he is looking to go back to that program. He agrees with Councilor Dominguez that our kids are safe, and the School Board has made safety a priority over the past three years. He said the reports from high school staff indicate that incidents of foolishness and serious fights and problems have leveled off, although there were incidents during the football games, and kids will do a prank occasionally. However, for the most part, the schools are safe. He hopes we look at providing police officers for our high schools, and then, if grants are available, to expand that to the middle schools.

Mayor Coss said the new Congress has started to refund the Cops Program, but it does require a match. It might be better to find the match from the City Police Department for that kind of program, given the tightness of funds. He is looking for partnerships to share resources. He said Chief Johnson is in the strategic planning process, with a goal to add more officers, which he supports, and he believes there is support on the Council to provide service to the public schools as our force grows. The Cops Program will help a lot toward this goal.

Councilor Chavez asked about using surveillance cameras downtown to provide public safety.

Chief Johnson said the City doesn't have surveillance cameras downtown.

Councilor Chavez asked what surveillance cameras were used to catch graffiti artists in the act downtown, and if those were private cameras, and if those are monitored by the Police Department.

Chief Johnson said the majority of cameras in the downtown are owned by private systems, but aren't wired to the alarm systems. This is another tool for businesses to capture what might happen on their property.

Councilor Chavez asked if any of the information from cameras is used to track down graffiti taggers.

Chief Johnson said where there is video of an incident, it can be given to the press to air, and hopefully to get a tip based on the video. However, any cameras downtown are through private businesses.

Councilor Chavez asked if we may want to consider these as a tool to assist the Police in certain areas. He believes if these are placed strategically they could help to catch graffiti artists.

Councilor Trujillo said the Council adopted Resolution several months ago to consider placing cameras in City parks.

Councilor Chavez said there was discussion at SWMA about using surveillance cameras to monitor illegal dumping. He believes this could be a viable tool.

Board member Ruiz said she appreciates Montaño's sentiments with regard to a force of two. She said Vice-President Lujan says, "Without data, we're just another opinion." She has data to share with the group. In 2004-2005 at SFHS, there were 647 occasions where the police were called to the campus; in 2005-2006 there were 557; and 2006-2007 to date there

have been 152. She said with regard to Capital High, in 2004-05, there were 576 incidents, in 2005-2006 there were 487, and in 2006-2007 there were 295, and to date there have been 98 calls. She believes this indicates a need for more than a force of two according to this data. She said there is a safe environment for the kids, but they have a responsibility to ensure that continues. The goal of the Resolution is to seek solutions and find the resources needed for the Police Department to provide the coverage for Santa Fe Public Schools.

Board member Lujan said the goal of Resolution is to explore the opportunities and what funding might be available. He said the Cops in Schools was an effective program. He said the data just shared indicates deterrents are in place. The Schools have requested additional security cameras, commenting that those have been effective in the schools. He hopes the Schools and the City will find a way to ensure a police presence on campus, and to explore available funds. He would like the Schools to continue to look at the possibility of a commissioned force, and for available grant funds to do that.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, Dr. Carpenter said the schools have a very wonderful camera system at the high schools and middle schools, and from 610 Alta Vista, you can zoom in on a coin and see whether it is a nickel or a dime.

Councilor Trujillo would like those same cameras to catch all the "red light runners" in the City.

Councilor Dominguez moved, seconded by Councilor Bushee, to approve the Joint Resolution.

Discussion: Councilor Dominguez said we need to move beyond rhetoric and start to be proactive and get something on the books. He would like the results to be presented at City Finance and the Governing Body, and to the School District as well.

Mayor Coss said it would seem this should go through the Council process, and the School Board would move it through its process, rather than passing it tonight.

Councilor Dominguez would like to approve it in concept.

Councilor Bushee noted the Resolution has no specific ramifications, and only asks staff to explore options and then report back.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Mayor Coss said in doing Joint Resolutions, we try to keep the same language as much as possible, and take it through the processes of the respective entities. He said we could claim it has been introduced and send it to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Bushee said there are no expenditures, it just asks staff to report back 90 days after the Resolution is adopted.

Ms. Helberg advised the Mayor that she has no number to assign to the Resolution, and Clerk's Office is closed, and asked what to do about numbering.

Mayor Coss said it would be better to take the Resolution through our separate

processes and then bring it back. Also, time is short this evening, and he believes there will be a lot more debate if this is considered.

Chairman Montañó said, if he were the Parliamentarian, he would point out that there is no item on the agenda for action, and it would be ill advised for either body to attempt to take an action this evening. He said this Resolution will be introduced at the next meeting, and adopted at a subsequent Board meeting.

Councilor Dominguez said he technically introduced this Resolution last night at the Council meeting.

The Maker withdrew his motion.

Councilor Dominguez asked that this Resolution go to the Finance and Public Safety Committees.

Mayor Coss said this Resolution can be on the agenda for the Council meeting for action on November 14, 2007.

Councilor Dominguez wants to establish a timeline and ensure this moves forward, commenting that we have to send the message that we are serious about keeping criminals away from our youth and to ensure our kids are safe.

Councilor Chavez asked the sponsors to consider adding language to seek grant funding for surveillance cameras, and expand the language to include public buildings such as libraries, teen centers and other public buildings.

Board member Polese said, as the result of the discussion, there are modifications he wants to discuss with Councilor Dominguez and Board member Ruiz which would be helpful in addressing concerns expressed this evening, although he doesn't want to delay it.

Councilor Wurzbarger asked at this time, because she has to leave at 6:30 and she really wants to hear the items regarding land development and new developments in the dropout plans, if we could move to those items at this time.

It was the consensus of the Governing Body to move forward with the agenda as is.

IX. HOUSING OF POLICE OFFICERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. (KATHY McCORMICK/ CHIEF ERIC JOHNSON)

Councilor Dominguez said it is his intention to leave this at the discretion of the Board of Education. The Schools need to determine whether it wants this kind of program. He said Chief Johnson indicated there was some interest in using this as a recruitment tool, and to move into the same kind of program we have had in the past. He said Ms. McCormick advised there are programs elsewhere in the country, where there are single-family dwellings on campus. He said this is exploratory to determine the options.

Mayor Coss noted the City currently is doing this at the Parks, and that could be a model for how it might be done at the schools, if the School Board is interested.

III. SFPS REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS. (PRESIDENT FRANK MONTAÑO)

A copy of a Resolution introduced by Councilor Carmichael Dominguez directing staff to work with the Santa Fe Public School District staff to develop a City process in which applicants for land development projects would be required to meet with the Santa Fe Public Schools to assess and mitigate the impacts of the development project on the Santa Fe Public Schools, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Chairman Montaña said the School is in the process of hiring an Assets Manager. He said the School District is dealing with important issues in terms of dealing with land use. He said any time the City or County allows a huge development, there needs to be communication with the School District and the Schools in terms of their needs related to the development. The School District owns lots of undeveloped land which could be converted from school properties to developed lands. He said what he wanted to do with this item is to make the City and the Governing Body aware that more and more, the Santa Fe Public School District has come to the realization that we can no longer allow the City, the County and anyone else to develop without input from the Santa Fe Public School District. He said he appreciates that both the City and County governing bodies are beginning to recognize the needs of the schools.

Dr. Carpenter said the District would like to establish a more formal process for the Schools to be able to provide input on the impact of these developments which are approved, and to be more of a partner at the table.

Councilor Chavez said this is a very serious issue. He noted when a school is built in the southwest sector it is overcrowded the first year, and by the second year we have portables. He spoke about the need for legislation to allow impact fees to be spent on schools and libraries. He would like a united effort to get the State Legislature to change this. He spoke about the need for operation and maintenance funds for facilities.

Councilor Bushee said there is no zoning category to plan for schools in the City, noting the City is limited by what the Legislature will let it do. She would like to see the City do what it can within the limitations of being a home rule city and develop the zoning categories, and plan for them in the growing parts of town. She wants to work with the Schools where we can help, and said perhaps the School will meet with the Governing Body when we meet with the Legislative delegation.

Councilor Chavez said in 2000 the City and the School Board adopted a joint resolution to go to the State Legislature to try to change the enabling legislation regarding impact fees, and wants to continue to work in this regard.

Councilor Dominguez said he cosponsored the Resolution directing the lobbyist to support that concept of impact fees. He said this is an opportunity for us not to rely on the actions of a different government body to help the District and to do what is just. The intent of this Resolution is to incorporate a requirement into the City process that developers must meet

with the Santa Fe Public Schools to assess and hopefully mitigate the impacts a particular project may have on the School District. He said this proposal warrants a lot of discussion, such as how the money will be collected and who would collect and administer the use of the funds. This is a complicated issue, but he wants to move beyond rhetoric. He would like the Resolution to go to the Planning Commission, Public Works, Finance and other appropriate committees.

Councilor Chavez would like to get input from the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and see if they can support expanding the use of the impact fees.

Mayor Coss noted that he appointed Gloria Lopez, a Public School employee, to the Planning Commission.

IV. DROPOUT/STUDENT RETENTION ISSUES/JOINT INITIATIVES. (DR. MEL MORGAN)

Dr. Carpenter stated that the two high schools in Santa Fe are not dropout factories, and the data reported in the newspaper is inconsistent with their data. She said they report Santa Fe High School with a cohort dropout rate of 13.9%, which are students who started as freshmen graduating at seniors. She said when you look at the number of students who start and who graduate, there is a loss of 30-40%. However, if you trace those kids, you find the majority of those moved, went to another school or program and such. The students which aren't accounted for are the actual dropouts. The dropout is 13.9% cohort over four years at Santa Fe High School. She said the dropout rate is higher at Capital High School, which this past year was 31% of the students which couldn't be accounted for. However, there is a higher transient rate at Capital High than at Santa Fe High, with students going back and forth, even to other counties. She said the annual dropout rate at Santa Fe High is 5% and at Capital High is 6% based on an event rate which is comparing one year the number of kids there as seniors to the next year, the number of kids there as seniors.

Dr. Carpenter said there are many ways to report dropout data. She said if you look just at a straight cohort, and say 60% of the kids who started as freshmen didn't graduate, you aren't taking into account that kids get reclassified, it takes them an extra semester or summer school to graduate, and so forth. She reiterated that our schools are not dropout factories. She said there is much more they need to do in terms of providing differentiated instruction for students, including things such a vocational-technical training. She doesn't want anyone to think that what they read in the newspaper is really an accurate reflection of the Santa Fe Public Schools.

Dr. Morgan said in May 2007, one of the newspapers reported that Capital High had a 70% dropout rate, and the schools, knowing this is untrue, calculated the figures cited by Dr. Carpenter with regard to the true cohort dropout rate versus the true event rate. They called a City-wide Board study session and began to educate people about the difference. Dr. Morgan said the school has received numerous phone calls from lots of people regarding the School being reported as a dropout factory. Dr. Morgan said the report which was created, which was cited in the newspaper, was done by Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Morgan said the Dropout Task Force was a brain child of President Montañño and Dr.

Carpenter. 30 letters were sent to participants and between 30-40 people attended the three Dropout Task Force meetings. He said participants include State Representative Jim Trujillo, Board members Montaño, Gonzales, Polese, County Commissioner Virginia Trujillo as well as representatives from the Community College, N.M. Public Education Department, Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, and many more. He said some of the goals are to become informed about the issues and the statistics in Santa Fe Public Schools, to pool resources, information and ideas on how to address this issue, to become informed about how our students are doing in relation to other national, state and other local New Mexico school districts, as well as to be very clear about the facts and figures. Dr. Morgan said the task force is to develop an action plan, noting an action plan will be completed by January 2008.

Dr. Morgan reiterated the facts given by Dr. Carpenter, which represents 174 students for whom the school had no information. This summer, through the efforts of many in the community, they attempted to contact all of the 174 students, and he spoke about some of the responses from those students. They were unable to contact 78 of the students, 11 were identified as having left to go to another school, with 4 moving back to Mexico and 36 obtained a GED. They were able to contact 96 students, and 4 left to go to work and there were 5 students who left and were interested in returning and did return to Santa Fe High, Capital High, or the SER academy.

Dr. Morgan provided a list of some of the things they do in the Santa Fe Public Schools which the task force is discussing, saying we can do more inside that task force: Mentoring, alternative credit offerings, credit recovery offerings, counseling and social work, focus on the redesign of middle schools to make them inviting, active and culturally significant places, improved bilingual education services to students who need it, focus on recovering truants and prevention of truancy, a small learning community initiative and provide multi-year, multi-level support for these students, attendance initiatives, SER academy, E2020, Student Engagement Advisor paid from federal funds to interact significantly with students and not being a disciplinarian nor an interferer, providing support to students, a partnership for the regional career and technical center.

Dr. Morgan said at the task force meeting last week, there was a discussion of SB561 which is the High School Redesign bill, which significantly affects what we will do in high schools from this year on. They also discussed their pláticas which are community conversations which send people out to the community to be involved, mainly with people who are reluctant to come to the schools, to have their voice heard. The next meeting of the Dropout Task Force, is December 11, 2007, and the results of the pláticas will be presented. Those results will be involved in the planning, and they will have an action plan before the next meeting on January 30, 2008.

Dr. Morgan said the work groups center around six pieces: the student conversations and community information gathering, focus groups for pláticas, the early alert system, especially freshmen, which alerts parents of lack of success in school, the curriculum and instruction in student success and support, the middle school support piece, school and family partnerships and teachers support systems.

Councilor Chavez noted he has been able to track his son's progress on the computer, although there were glitches in the beginning.

Councilor Chavez asked if the living wage is enticing people to leave high school to earn money.

Dr. Morgan said this question wasn't asked, noting four students said they left school to go to work, but he doesn't know how the living wage impacted that decision.

Councilor Trujillo asked the following questions:

- ◆ What was the dropout rate prior to the adoption of the living wage. – Dr. Morgan said he didn't know.
- ◆ What was the dropout the year after the living wage took effect – Dr. Morgan said he didn't know.
- ◆ Is the dropout rate is increasing, decreasing, or staying level. Dr. Morgan said he wasn't asked to provide specific data here, but he would be more than happy to make arrangements to provide that information. He said basically the data are flat in our School District and in New Mexico.
- ◆ Setting an age limit for the living wage, and if so, what would be the best age, and would we be violating any law. Dr. Carpenter said, with regard to tying the living wage to an age, they found no data to support that students were dropping out because of the living wage, but also found nothing to the contrary. She said the Board in their discussions was inclined to think there shouldn't be a reduced wage for certain ages of students, and were supportive of the living wage for all.

Councilor Trujillo said, in the data, Dr. Morgan said 38 of the dropouts obtained GEDs, noting many places require a GED or a high school diploma to hire someone. He wonders if this was done to get a job.

Councilor Trujillo asked what happened to the bilingual classes for those students who wished to learn another language at an elementary school age, noting that was once very much in the schools, but has totally disappeared. He said bilingual classes are now aimed at teaching those students whose first language is Spanish in transition to English. He asked when bilingual classes are going to be teaching the students whose first language is English in transition to Spanish.

Dr. Morgan said with the increased focus on providing services to our bilingual students, we have to meet the requirements of the federal government through the Title 3 grant, and through our State department, which provides funds to provide services to speakers of languages whose first language is not English. However, that doesn't mean there never will be another program where we have speakers of English learning other languages. He said we do have some of these in some of the middle schools and in both High Schools. He agrees that the way to teach a language very clearly, is to start as young as possible.

Councilor Trujillo agreed, saying he hopes the School Board will consider and bring back to the schools.

Dr. Morgan said there are two schools which are implementing a dual language program – students learn in English and in Spanish.

Board member Ruiz implored the Mayor and City Councilors to please pass the information on to people with regard to the fact that we're not a "dropout factory," which is supported by the facts given by Dr. Carpenter. She asked that staff give this information in writing to the Mayor and Councilors. She would also like for this information to be placed in a concise message on the School District's website to get the information to the community. She said we found very clearly from Dr. Morgan that it is the way the numbers are calculated and reported.

Councilor Dominguez said as the City launches its new website, he would like to share whatever information the School District would like on the City's website. He thanked Chairman Montaña as well as the entire Board of Education for ensuring that we educate ourselves about what is happening in the School District.

Chairman Montaña said it is important that the District respond to this misinformation. He thinks it would behoove the District to write a guest column in the newspaper. He believes the District needs to embark on a public relations blitz. He would like for the City's media director to work with their media director to put Dr. Carpenter or Dr. Morgan on one of the City's community programs so this information can be disseminated and the people can understand the facts. He would like to contact as many radio stations as possible to get the facts to the community. This kind of misinformation needs to be countered immediately through every venue possible in the community. He said this is unfair, because this misinformation has given our kids this black eye, and it makes the School District look bad.

Chairman Montaña said it would be safe to say that the School Board would ask the Governing Body to consider giving the living wage to everyone across the board, at whatever age. He believes the consensus of the Board is that we hope you pass that ordinance.

Mayor Coss said he didn't see the newspaper today, but he is very sorry that it would use such hurtful language, because it hurts all of us as we try to deal with these issues. He said he tells people all of his kids went to Santa Fe High and they did great, and it was a committed caring community. He has many opportunities to go to Capital High which is a committed caring community. He said these mischaracterizations of our schools hurt the whole town. He said City Government Television will be happy to put the teachers, students, administrators, anybody you want on City Government Television to get the message out to the public.

Councilor Bushee asked if the Schools has contacted the institution which did the compilation of data, in terms of correcting their sources.

Dr. Morgan said he has not. However, he spoke with a news reporter from Albuquerque yesterday who was using the report, and told him he didn't understand any of the report, and told him he would send him the School's data, and did so.

Councilor Bushee would like to narrow the source of the data, and asked if there is anyone who could do that.

Dr. Morgan said he can, and he will.

Councilor Chavez said he sees another piece to the equation. He said we often hear that we don't have a trained work force, but with the numbers and successes we are discussing, he believes we can dispel that myth as well. He said we can have a trained work force with a high school diploma and with a GED, and there can be a high level of skills in either situation.

Mayor Coss said he would like to delete the balance of the items on the agenda and make Item V the last item on today's agenda.

V. PROPOSED USE OF FORMER ATC SCHOOL FOR HOMELESS SHELTER (SHARON SHAFFER)

Bobbie Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent presented information regarding this matter in the place of Sharon Shaffer who could not be in attendance.

Ms. Gutierrez said City and School staff work closely on issues, including the need of homeless children. She said about a week ago, the possibility arose of using the ATC campus to provide shelter this winter for mothers and children. There are about 500 homeless children attending the Santa Fe Public Schools. She said it is too late to do that for this year, because of ENN meetings and zoning issues. They would like to work on a consideration for the future of that facility. She said many members of the interfaith community are interested in renovating that facility and helping to maintain it, if the School Board and City are interested in doing this. If so, a more formal request will be brought to the City and the District.

Dr. Carpenter said the ATC campus is on City property next to the Genoveva Chavez Center. The Schools are preparing to dispose of 11 portables on that site.

Ms. Gutierrez said the School District owns the portables and the City owns the land. She said Ms. Herling is here along with others from the community who meet regularly and work on this issue and do amazing things to support the homeless youth who do not always have an advocate.

Councilor Bushee asked if there have been preliminary discussions with the neighbors in the area. She is concerned that winter is upon us, and if this is a real possibility, she doesn't think we should wait, stressing that talking to the neighbors is a requirement.

Gail Herling said these are not in the middle of a residential neighborhood, which is the reason they "ran" for these portables. She realizes an ENN process is required for this, and were told by staff they would need to apply for a variance to zoning for a social service need. She introduced the people working with the homeless in attendance, noting many are from interfaith communities, businesses, nonprofits, St. Elizabeths and from the schools. She said because of the quick meetings they have been able to determine one short term, quick site, and other small sites which will be temporary until they can get something like the ATC portables.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Ms. Herling said they would like to get two portables donated. The portables are 40 ft. by 60 ft., with dividers in the middle. They would be able to house between 30-50 homeless men, more than 15 homeless young men, and 15 young women, and at any one time, there would be five families, with women and children. There are no bathrooms and showers. They did hear a rumor that there are some portable bathrooms around DeVargas, and there are a businessman and a few churches which are willing to help with the bathrooms. In the past, they have gotten vouchers from Ft. Marcy for showers, and were hoping to do the same with the Genoveva Chavez Center. There are no kitchen facilities, however, the overflow shelter normally does not use a kitchen facility, and gets donated food. The churches, synagogues and a mosque have been talking about doing a rotating, volunteer meal plan in the mornings. The only other place for homeless people to eat in the morning is the Salvation Army which serves at 8:00 a.m., unless they go to the schools. There are homeless kids in every school, and many schools serve breakfast, and all the homeless students get free lunch and breakfast.

Councilor Bushee suggested talking to the Genoveva Chavez staff, but said there would be a need for security.

Ms. Herling said they have done a lot of research and will have a lot of training on that. There will be dividers between the groups she listed, even between the young men and the older men, all of which is a matter of safety for everyone. Over the last three weeks, they have raised about \$24,000, and need another \$8,000 to get a third staff person, to have two people on at all times. For the women and children, there would be two women on at all times monitoring. They started a laundry fund, and they have money and volunteers coming in for that, but they always need more.

Councilor Bushee asked that the City Manager involve the planning staff to develop a mailing list for the neighborhoods in the areas. She believes you should stress that it is a temporary situation, and if there is coordination she believes this can be done.

Councilor Trujillo reiterated that the City really needs the input of the surrounding neighbors. He said if you want to hurry this process, it has to be done soon.

Ms. Herling said they do understand that anywhere they try to put this overflow, they will meet with some resistance. She said last year 25 people froze to death in Santa Fe County during the winter and she wants to get that to zero this year. She said the School Board needs to decide if it would like to use two of these portables to donate toward this cause.

Councilor Bushee asked if Ms. Herling could work with Jon Bulthuis to look at transportation issues as well.

Ms. Herling said she has been working with Mr. Bulthuis for the past year, thanks to the Resolution passed by the Council, noting it is a delight to work with him and his staff.

Responding to Councilor Bushee, Chairman Montaña said the School can consider this issue as soon as possible, and have an answer in the very near future. He said they need specific details – is it a permanent donation, or just for this winter, or what.

Dr. Carpenter said the Board already has made a decision to dispose of the portables on the ACT property through an auction, but it wasn't seen to be a giant moneymaker. It is mostly to clear the site and to comply with the agreement with the City, which is to remove the portables. It would be easy for the Board to take action in early November and dispose of them to the City.

Board member Lujan said he has no issue, given that we donated them to whoever wanted to take them at one point. He has seen the site break apart, and wishes action had been taken months ago. The rest room facility and office facility have been removed, and they are taking out the gas and other things. He is unsure what it would cost to restore the gas and get other items in place. He would hope Ms. Herling could develop a needs assessment with regard to the site and submit that to the Board. He asked other projected costs, such as utilities and such.

Ms. Herling said it is projected it will cost about \$1,000 per month, but that is just an estimate. She said Don Benke researched some of this, and a contractor from his congregation is willing to do an estimate to better insulation. She said Fr. Murphy from St. Bede's and other churches, synagogues and a mosque have decided to do a community day with their congregations to help clean, remodel and rehab the units with whatever is needed. She will be more than glad to provide a needs assessment before the next meeting with all the details.

Board member Lujan said vandalism is starting to happen, and there are broken windows and graffiti, and it would be good to have someone staying there.

Ms. Herling understood Chief Johnson to say, regarding another site, that there could be more police presence there.

Chief Johnson said that was when the City was looking at a site St. Catherine's. He said officers train there with the K-9s regularly, and if that site worked out, there would have been a police presence there on a regular basis.

Board member Polese asked Ms. Herling if she has been to the ATC site recently.

Ms. Herling said she has driven by there going to the GCCC.

Board member Polese said he went through it, and the stairs to several portables are gone, so they can't be used right away for anything. There are 2-3 that appear to be in fairly decent, habitable shape, but he thinks it would be more than she could handle right now, to deal with the rest of them there. That could place a cap on the number of people who could be housed there.

Ms. Herling said they believe two portables will accommodate their needs.

Mayor Coss said the City is interested in entertaining the idea, and the first thing is to talk to the neighbors, and have a solid plan from the City on the use of that land – how long, for what, how managed and maintained.

VI. PRESENTATION OF CHECK FROM ART SMART TO THE SFPS. (MAYOR DAVID COSS)

Mayor Coss noted there is nobody in attendance from Art Smart.

VII. FUTURE YOUTH SUMMITS. (MAYOR DAVID COSS)

Removed from the agenda

X. NW QUADRANT. (KATHY McCORMICK)

Chairman Montañó said they had a study session on the Northwest Quadrant two weeks and City staff advised that the City is going to begin the process of looking at the master plan, and needed some decisions and conversations between the Council and the Board in terms of school site(s) for the Northwest Quadrant and the School's wants and needs of that project.

Ms. McCormick said, because this is a complicated issue, she would like to request of the Board and Governing Body to set another date certain to have a conversation just about the Northwest Quadrant. She said it is so important, she would rather not rush it for this evening, and they will manage the application process around that.

Chairman Montañó said if we don't start this conversation this evening, there will be a problem of scheduling, commenting it was difficult to schedule this meeting two months ago. He said we will need some real cooperation, in terms of everyone's schedule to do this. He said there are some things we need to discuss if the City is beginning its process next month.

Councilor Dominguez said he will make himself available, noting this is a very important but complicated issue. He believes we should make sure we don't rush this and that we educate each other with regard to this project. He would rather take the time to do that, than to try to rush it here tonight.

Councilor Bushee agreed, pointing out that it wouldn't be possible next week, and the week after is Public Works and Council meeting, followed by Thanksgiving. She would like the School's assets manager to be involved in the meeting. She said there are issues of maintenance of the lands in the interim.

Chairman Montañó said, preliminarily, the School isn't interested in selling the most valuable it owns.

Councilor Bushee said, "We told them that wasn't even on the table, but the question arose because of the ongoing maintenance issues up there, and we're going to try to tackle that together. So, I would just ask that when we deal with the Northwest Quadrant we can deal with your folks."

Chairman Montañó said this issue has been hanging for some time, noting a situation of encroachment on school property on the part of the City in terms of a road project. In order to remedy that situation, the District suggested that we give the City the land, or lease it to the

City, or we lease it to the City for nothing, so we could take care of the City's street easement problems, if we could get, at a minimum, fencing around our property, to mitigate dumping on those properties. He said this is something we need to discuss.

Councilor Bushee asked that it be included in a comprehensive way.

Mayor Coss said we will postpone this item, and find a date as soon as possible for the Governing Bodies to meet, while continuing discussions at the staff level, so our respective staffs can make us aware of the status of the project.

Ms. McCormick said the City can't submit the master plan without the School's signature, and we want them to be very comfortable with the design of that master plan and the intentions with regard to a partnership between the School District and the City if this moves forward into development. She will work with Ms. Gutierrez to find a date which will work for both groups.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montaño invited the Mayor and the Council to the State of the Schools address on November 15, 2007, in the auditorium of the Willie Ortiz building, at 4:00 p.m.

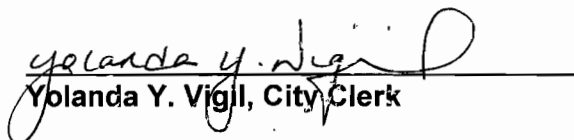
There being no further business to come before the Governing Body and the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

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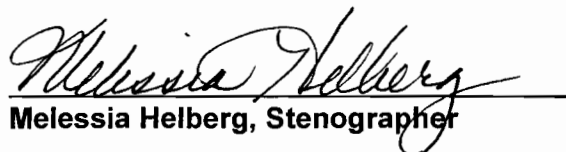
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Respectfully submitted:



Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

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