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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Early Education Center Ad Hoc Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, January 26, 2024 10:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: January 26, 2024 / 10:01 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D.; Councilmember Lili Bosse; Nancy Hunt-Coffee, City Manager; Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services; Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services; Joana Torres; Community Services Manager; Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Services Manager; Dr. Michael Bregy, BHUSD Superintendent; Noah Margo, BHUSD Board Member & Clerk; Mary Wells, BHUSD Board Member; Timothy Ellis, BHUSD Athletic Director; Laura Collins-Williams, BHUSD Assistant Superintendent Student Services; Mark Mead, BHUSD Executive Director School Safety; Linda Kyriazi; Management Assistant

Via Zoom: Dr. Amanda Stern, BHUSD Board President; Judy Manouchehri, BHUSD Board Member; Will Karrat, Executive Director Construction Services; Craig Bugbee, Horace Mann Principal; Sarah Kaber, Hawthorne Principal

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

2) THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AND BHUSD EXPLORATORY COLLABORATION OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER.

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, introduced Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) staff to begin the discussion to explore the collaboration of an Early Childhood Center.

Dr. Michael Bregy, BHUSD Superintendent, presented information regarding the collaboration of an Early Childhood Center that included:

- Proposed space for City Preschool at Horace Mann
- Potential District Office/BHEF/other space
- Explore Hawthorne spaces that include possible play area

A discussion ensued to flush out details such as:

- Two locations of classes which may include more than one classroom depending on enrollment.
- Daycare should also be considered.
- A previous architect assessed and provided possibly space opportunities.
- Possible distribution of summer camps, programs including field uses.
- There is a robust waiting list for preschool.

Next Steps to create a Unified Preschool Program:

- Conduct a survey for those already enrolled in preschool programs to identify the number of classrooms needed and where it makes more sense to configure those classrooms.
- Identify geographically relocating classes.
- To service the Community, it makes sense to make this program as big as can be allowed as a business opportunity and benefit to the Community.
- What would the Timeline and breakeven points be?

Prior to Next Liaison Meeting:

- Distribute an on-line survey to the families of the school district to provide size of interest and the results to be provided.
- Determine what programs people are looking for more of?
- BHUSD will provide assessment of space.
- Determine the design of the curriculum. District has informed us that preschool is moving to a more play based instruction model.
- Staff to walk the sites to see what is possible.

Mayor Gold requested scheduling two meetings so when his term, along with Councilmember Bosse's term ends, this item outline can be presented to the next City Council.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 26, 2024 / 11:06 AM