

Call to Order

Mayor Jake Spano and Vice Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jake Spano, Councilmembers Tim Brausen, Steve Hallfin (6:50pm), Anne Mavity (7:30pm), Thom Miller and Margaret Rog (5:50). Councilmember Rachel Harris absent.

School board members present: Vice Chair Mary Tomback, Clerk Jim Beneke, Treasurer Ken Morrison, Directors Anne Casey, Joe Tatalovich, Karen Waters. Chair Nancy Gores absent.

City staff present: City Manager Tom Harmening, Deputy City Manager Nancy Deno, Engineering Director Debra Heiser, Housing Supervisor Michele Schnitker, Operations and Recreation Director Cindy Walsh, Police Chief Mike Harcey

School district staff present: Superintendent Astein Osei, Communications Director Sara Thompson, Community Education Director Lisa Greene, Curriculum and Instruction Director Patrick Duffy, Adult Services Manager Angie Martinez Grande

City and school board discussion was as follows:

Update on 2020/2021 School Start-End Times: Overview presented by Superintendent Osei. General discussion on upcoming changes and working through this with others in the district to better align start times. Discussion on early morning lighting, bus stop locations and how middle school kids will have more daylight to walk to school with a later start. Discussions were held with city staff and Chief Harcey. Transportation contract is in review process as it is open for renewal, once this is completed more review will be done on bus stop locations. Follow up will be done by staff on: Cedar Manor crossing, bus stop locations and lighting

Community Education: Overview presented by Community Education Director Greene and Adult Services Manager Martinez Grande. Discussion and overview was done on Lenox senior programs, outreach and the variety of options.

Vaping: City Manager Harmening discussed the upcoming council study session. The group talked about what measures should the school district, city and community partners take to discourage young people from using vaping products? Superintendent Osei discussed how important it is to get youth involved on solving this issue and educating other students. It was the consensus of the group to have Superintendent Osei review this matter and get in touch with City Manager Harmening to see if there is joint work in this area.

Overview of Housing Policies, Initiatives, and Projects: City Manager Harmening and Housing Supervisor Schnitker gave an overview of housing programs, housing projects under

construction, number of units added in the city, housing policy and development of a housing trust fund. The group talked about youth, housing, affordability and homelessness as it relates to the community and schools.

General discussion: The group discussed construction in general and at Cedar Manor. Also talked about Westwood Nature Center and the interest in collaboration on use of space and programs. Curriculum Director Duffy discussed how curriculum will be developed in a group planning process in the upcoming year and how they hope to incorporate WWNC in their programs. The school staff is excited that WWNC has been updated and will have more space for possible use.

Council and School board members would like to meet again in April if possible.

All expressed thanks and appreciation to Councilmember Miller and School Board member Tatalovich and Gore for their service and work as they are not seeking reelection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Jake Spano, mayor