

# *City of Brisbane Agenda Report*

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: City Manager  
Date: City Council Meeting of May 17, 2010  
Subject: City Council High School Subcommittee

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Review updated mission statement for the High School subcommittee and provide direction to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

City Council approved formation of a council subcommittee for high school issues last July. Since that time the Jefferson Union High School District has notified the City of Brisbane that they no longer have funding available for transportation to Terra Nova or Oceana.

The High School Subcommittee has had a few meetings and the range of potential subjects has broadened. In general there is discussion about the following issues:

1. School District Boundaries
2. Future revenue from the Brisbane Baylands.

Additionally there is ongoing discussion regarding a potential Charter High School.

These issues have relevance to the City in the context of future development and the City's dual role of land use permitting and negotiator of community benefits through development agreements.

The currently approved 4 point mission of the subcommittee is as follows:

1. Provide a broader planning process for the physical location of a high school with the back of local government.

2. Provide a means for getting the Citizens for a Brisbane High School (CBHS) group to voice its need with the City so this information can be included in the negotiation of a development agreement with Universal Paragon Corporation (UPC)
3. Give CBHS greater visibility and credibility in the community.
4. Assist in making a Brisbane high school feasible from the Jefferson Union High School District perspective.

It is recommended that a 5<sup>th</sup> point be added”

5. Facilitate discussions in the community regarding boundary and tax base scenarios and options.

Point five is in light of the fact that most of the Brisbane Baylands does not lie in an elementary school district that serves Brisbane students. Boundaries for school districts far precede boundaries of cities and therefore we have boundaries that are not coterminous. We have been told by the San Mateo County Office of Education that the issue of creating and improving a tax base and how that affects local schools is a legitimate issue for discussion by a community.

Finally, in past City Council discussions, concern has been raised regarding the City devoting staff time to assist the citizen groups in whatever efforts are finally determined to be pursued. To that end, City staff will only serve the purpose of providing data and information directly related to potential development scenarios. This may include redevelopment issues, development agreements, and financial projections. It would also be limited to those areas over which the city has jurisdiction such as land use planning. City staff will not conduct financial analysis of school district operations as that is the purview of the schools and the Office of Education.

  
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