

**SURPLUS PROPERTY “7-11” ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the “7-11” Advisory Committee
February 5, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Education Center Boardroom
2985 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

PRELIMINARY

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Surplus Property “7-11” Advisory Committee was called to order by 7-11 Committee Chairperson, Adam Ereth, at 5:32 P.M. on February 5, 2024, at the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Education Center Boardroom, 2985 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Lindsay Olson – Member of the Business Community
Chase Rief – Member of the Business Community
Sean Levin – Landowner or Renter
Jacob Haley – Administrator
Jose De La Jara – Parent of Student
Adam Ereth – Person with Expertise in Environmental Impact
Tyler Holst – Person with Expertise in Legal Contracts, Building Codes, Land Use Planning
(Arrived late 5:49 P.M.)
David Martinez - Person with Ethnic, Age Group, and Socioeconomic Composition of the District

Members Not Present:

Laurie Horn – Member of the Business Community
Jane Hartley – Teacher
Yocely Galinda – Person with Ethnic, Age Group, and Socioeconomic Composition of the District

Also Present:

Jeff Trader – Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Andreas Chialtas – Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (Via Zoom)
Veronica Hallman – Newport-Mesa Unified School District

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Leigh Anne Kalasinski, community member. Recommended most care to ensure Banning Ranch stays in its natural state.

Terry Welsh, community member. Urged the committee to preserve the site. Leave as an open space and an education tool for students.

Wendy Leece, taxpayer/community member. Recommends preservation of Banning Ranch as an open space. It provides a robust learning experience in nature.

Martha Fluor, community member. Provided a handout of her comments. Implores the committee to think outside the box. Recommends a new school to replace Whittier Elementary. Use the land currently at Whittier Elementary for workforce housing development.

Cynthia McDonald, alumni NMUSD/community member. Stated that the property has vernal pools and is under-utilized property. Stated the property would be difficult to develop. Suggested partnering with CCNA Educational Programs to provide classes on the history of the land and nature.

Richard Hoffman, community member. Recommended being a steward of the open fields of the property. It should be preserved and used as educational property. It is uniquely situated to serve the needs of all. The teaching of Indigenous culture and the nurturing of a natural open space.

Andrew Campbell, community member. Stated it's an opportunity to preserve nature and team with Randall Preserve.

Deborah Koken, community member. Stated the open space should be saved. The environmental value of the property is great and should not be developed.

Peter Drivas, community member. Expressed that the arts and culture of the property should be preserved. Children should be the priority as art inspires. Children should be first.

Jessica Mattison, community member. Recommended that the property should be kept a nature center. The space is wonderful. Noted a lack of parks in the community. Urged not to give up the property.

Don Krotee, community member. A proponent of workforce housing. Would like to be made aware if they ask for proposals/bids.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING

Motion by: Sean Levin

Seconded by: Jacob Haley

Vote: 8 / 0 - Passed

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING AND DISTRICT'S BANNING RANCH PROPERTY

a. Summary of Covered Topics:

Surplus Property Processes, State Board of Education Waiver Option, and Advisory Committee Duties

Discussion and Development of the Revised Priority Use List

Discussion and Development of the First Revised Sample Report and Recommendation

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FURTHER REQUESTED INFORMATION

None.

DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITY USE LIST

a. Reference Tab 12 – Sample First Reviewed Priority Use & Possible Further Revisions –

Discussed waiver.

b. Approval of Priority Use List

Motion by: Adam Ereth

Seconded by: Tyler Holst

Vote: 8 / 0 - Passed

DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE DRAFT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

a. Reference Tab 13 – First Revised Sample Report and Recommendation

No vote was taken. Further work on the draft report at the next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING TOPICS AND TIMELINE

The next meeting of the "7-11" Advisory Committee has been scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Education Center Sanborn Assembly Room, 2985 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Motion by: Adam Ereth

Seconded by: Tyler Holst

Vote: 8 / 0 - Passed

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBER

Adam Ereth – requested information on any offers of this space in previous years. Would like to see the history of offers, such as offers to develop the site, which were not accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairperson, Adam Ereth at 7:13 P.M.

NO MOTION

NO SECOND

NO VOTE

Adopted Minutes