

**Public Comments- Electronic Submission - May 7, 2025 LBUSD/LB City Council Joint Meeting**

Name	Student Leaders Recognition: Proclamation by the City to recognize students serving in leadership roles for their respective schools.	Action - Direct staff to work together on creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the intent to share in the pool usage and operational costs associated with the shared use.	Action - Create a City/District AdHoc committee focused on sustainability initiatives and projects to share updates and best practices, as both organizations have committed to enhanced sustainable practices.	Information - Update regarding both City and District assisting in the protection of open space from unauthorized entry points in conjunction with the Orange County Parks.
Gary Kasik		<p>Actually I thought this was underway based on comments from the city manager but, regardless, a necessary and important activity. It's important the city retain the same programs they operate today. This makes the transition more straight forward and consistent with the city recreation programs. Commitments made by the current and prior board on timing, scope and scale of use should be incorporated into a final agreement if not the MOU. Consistent recreation management by the city will avoid confusion.</p>	<p>This is great but why limit it to sustainable practices. Give the committee a broad scope to identify opportunities across multiple functions INCLUDING sustainability.</p>	<p>Please be sure any action taken is decisive and truly addresses the problem and doesn't just shift access. Securing open land, preventing not just making access difficult, is difficult.</p>
sue	<p>LBUSD students represent their schools and the community and they do us proud. It is imperative to call out the outstanding dedication by the student school board members. They prepare well for each meeting and contribute articulate comments reflecting student voice. Thanks to them for taking the time to make the district better able to serve students</p>	<p>Mr. Dixon has been on this since it became clear (after it was shared in sub committee meetings by the city council members Whalen and Kempf) that the city budget did not allow for financial participation in the building of a new pool. The previous board, superintendent and Mr. Dixon held numerous meetings and contacts with the city committee members to discuss how the district could still meet the needs of the city programs as it will still be a shared facility. This MOU should reflect this reasoning behind this mutual decision. The city has already stated they will pay to use the pool as a facility use agreement. In addition, of course, the city will provide the personnel for any of their programs. Contrary to misrepresentation by some who are on the board the city has never paid for any of the personnel for district use. Our coaches are the lifeguards and instructors, and are paid by the district.</p>	<p>LBUSD has been focused on sustainability initiatives including various considerations in the recent update of the 10 year Facilities Master Plan. The district framed a goal of being carbon neutral by 2030 and it is incumbent on what we are teaching our students through the commitment to environmental literacy and education that the new board majority support these plans. Whether you are able to move on from the blame game and acknowledge that the previous board and superintendent approved the FMP worked diligently on by Mr. Dixon and his staff. To turn away from this pathway which has global reach beyond the district or city as we deal with climate change would be irresponsible. Updating each other on plans and goals is fine but keep in mind the district and city operate as separate bodies with tasks that sometimes benefit from collaboration but the overall needs of education versus all the massive needs of a city will not always mesh. If a committee is formed to meet rarely please make sure Joan is appointed. The district board needs to remain cognizant that the city council has many committees and boards to meet with and to have an ad hoc just to update would not be considerate of people's time.</p>	<p>This is an example where knowing what the other entity is doing will save repeat efforts. The district since the fire storm of 1993 has worked on all the many aspects of not just fire but safety. There have been regular collaborations with various organizations such as OC Parks, local fire and police, regular table top exercises, etc. There has been considerable work done on protecting TOW, Thurston and El Morro which all back up to open spaces. This particular area near TOW is a concern which seems to have heavy use when school is not in session and is a neighborhood issue. District will continue to work toward the needed safety measures as has been the historical practice.</p>