

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**Operations Board Subcommittee Meeting
September 11, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Conference Room 3
3380 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501**

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: 3:02p.m. by Mr. Brent Lee

PRESENT: Brent Lee and Kathy Allavie, Board Members, and Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations.

Also present were Anazele Gonzalez, Director, Planning and Development; Ken Mueller, Director, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation; Gaby Adame, Assistant Director, Facilities Planning; Nadia Zeien, Assistant Director, Facilities Planning; Eric Walker, Assistant Director, Facilities Planning; Richard Prince, Community Relations Manager; and Nora Lopez, (Recorder).

Public Input

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee members.

Call Meeting to Order

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes for the August 14, 2019 meeting, was tabled until next meeting.

2. Gage Middle School – Landscape Plan

Staff presented an update regarding the Gage Middle School Landscape Restoration Plan which is required in two large planter areas in the front section of the school.

- a) These two planter areas were renovated in late 2017 as part of a large deferred maintenance project, and as a result of a new irrigation system installed, germination of thousands of Washingtonia Palm trees have grown and taken over the two planter areas.
- b) Due to the damage caused by the growth of the palm trees and the on-going need to control future palm tree growth, all plant material and irrigation in the planter areas will need to be removed, new bioswales cut, weed barrier installed, and a new low-water approach be taken.
- c) The revised planter areas will still contain bioswales designed to capture run off water from buildings and parking lots, but any irrigation will be targeted to specific plants and trees, and far less plant material will be used.
- d) This landscape project is scheduled to begin during the month of October and completion is scheduled for December.

After the subcommittee provided feedback, they recommended that staff proceed with the proposed landscape plan.

3. Measure O Measure O Kick-Off Event

Communications Department staff provided an update on the preparations for the Measure O Kick-Off event scheduled for September 24th at Highgrove Elementary School.

After the agenda draft was presented and reviewed, the subcommittee provided feedback and recommended that staff move forward with the planning process.

4. Eastside Properties

Staff provided an update and reviewed the Site Analysis Report in regards to the property located on Mesa and 14th Street, Riverside.

- After the committee provided feedback, they recommended that staff suspend further exploration of the subject property due to low scores in the areas listed below per the site analysis report:
 - Proximity to UCR Agriculture Department – spraying for pesticides
 - High Crime rate area
 - Insufficient parking in vicinity
 - Traffic congestion potential due to proximity of major streets
 - Zoning compatibility – not for a school site

5. Schedule of Meetings

The subcommittee's next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., in Conference Room 3, 3380 14th Street, Riverside, CA.

Conclusion

Subcommittee Members Comments

Adjournment

3:44pm