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September 9, 2009

Cathy Rincon, President, Board of Trustees
San Mateo-Foster City School District
1170 Chess Drive
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Dear Ms. Rincon:

Thank you for attending, along with other Trustees and District Administrative Staff, the special City Council meeting held on Monday, August 31, 2009. As you know, the purpose of the meeting was to obtain community input to assist the City Council as it considered the letter sent on June 24, 2009 by Superintendent Pendery Clark on behalf of the Board of Trustees indicating interest in pursuing the building of a fourth elementary school on City-owned property. The letter identified four potential sites and requested a response in order to make a recommendation to the San Mateo-Foster City Board of Trustees by September 17, 2009. After consideration of this matter, including the written public comments received prior to the meeting and the public testimony of 57 speakers at the meeting, the City Council voted unanimously that the City-owned property at the terminus of Halibut Street at Beach Park Boulevard could be considered as a fourth elementary school site; however, Boothbay Park, Port Royal Park and the 15-acre site would not be considered as potential sites for a fourth elementary school site (see attached Minute Order No. 1166).

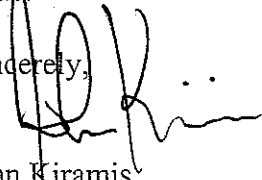
The site at the terminus of Halibut Street at Beach Park Boulevard has never been developed and the City has not conducted any studies specific to this site (e.g., environmental, soils, infrastructure, traffic, parking, etc.). The site has been shown in the City's five-year capital improvement program as the location of a levee park ("Destination Park") anticipated to be developed in FY 2013-2014 (see attached CIP Project Description). It is also referenced as a future park in the goals, policies and programs of the Parks and Open Space Element of the City's General Plan adopted by the City Council at its September 8, 2009 meeting. If an agreement was reached between the City and the San Mateo-Foster City School District for acquisition of this site for a fourth elementary school, these city documents would be amended accordingly.

In closing, the City Council in its 2009 Policy Calendar established the goal to "continue the open dialogue with the San Mateo-Foster City School District and closely monitor their response to the issue of increasing school enrollment and school overcrowding."

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The City Council subcommittee, comprised of Councilmembers Art Kiesel and Linda Koelling and supported by City staff, remains in place to assist in accomplishing this goal. The City desires to continue our open dialogue regarding this important community issue.

Sincerely,



John Kiramis
Mayor

Attachments: Minute Order 1166
CIP Project Description for Levee Park ("Destination Park")

Cc: City Council
James C. Hardy, City Manager
Kristi A. Chappelle, Assistant City Manager
Richard B. Marks, Community Development Director

Board of Trustees
Pendery A. Clark, Superintendent
Joan Rosas, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Official

MINUTE ORDER

No. 1166

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK/
DISTRICT SECRETARY
FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Date: September 1, 2009

Attention: City Council/EMID Board
James C. Hardy, City Manager
San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees
Pendery Clark, Superintendent, San Mateo-Foster City School District

City Council/EMID Board Meeting Date: August 31, 2009

Subject: Public Meeting Regarding School Overcrowding and the San Mateo-Foster City School District's Request to Construct a Public Elementary School on City-owned Property

1. Motion by Councilmember/Director Koelling, seconded by Mayor/President Kiramis, and carried unanimously, 4-0-0, (Councilmember/Director Frisella recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest) IT WAS ORDERED determining that Boothbay Park would not be considered as a fourth elementary school site.
2. Motion by Vice Mayor/Vice President Wykoff and seconded by Councilmember/Director Koelling, and carried unanimously, 5-0-0, IT WAS ORDERED determining that Port Royal Park would not be considered as a fourth elementary school site, that the City-owned 15 Acres adjacent to the Government Center would not be considered as a fourth elementary school site because of the existing Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement with Pacific Retirement Services, Inc., and that the City-owned property at the terminus of Halibut Street at Beach Park Boulevard could be considered as a fourth elementary school site.



CITY CLERK/DISTRICT SECRETARY

CIP PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

LEVEE PARK ("DESTINATION PARK") PARK IMPROVEMENTS (2013-2014)

Funding	Funding Sources		Total
	Park in Lieu		
2009-2010	-	-	-
2010-2011	-	-	-
2011-2012	-	-	-
2012-2013	-	-	-
2013-2014	-	450,000	450,000
Total		450,000	450,000

Expenditure Categories			
Expenditures	Estimated Project Cost	Inflation %	Inflation
			Escalation
			Total
2009-2010	-	0%	-
2010-2011	-	5%	-
2011-2012	-	10%	-
2012-2013	-	15%	-
2013-2014	300,000	20%	60,000
Subtotal	300,000		60,000
Contingency	75,000	25%	15,000
Totals	375,000		75,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **Levee Park ("Destination Park") - \$300,000.** The project proposal is to develop a "natural park" in this area adjacent to the levee/pedway and Beach Park Blvd. at Halibut Street. The park would be a respite stop for travelers along our section of the Bay Trail. Features will include: picnic tables, a drinking fountain, a small restroom, benches, a bike rack, and an "interpretive center".
The timing of this project is currently dependent upon the collection of Park In Lieu fees from anticipated development. Future grant funding may be available through LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund). If other funding sources come available, the timing of this project will be revisited.

PROJECT PRIORITY CATEGORY: C

POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES:

1. Park in Lieu Fees
2. Land and Water Conservation Fund
3. Capital Investment – City Fund
4. Bay Trails Grants
5. CCAG Bikeway Grant