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**Education and Youth Services Advisory Committee
September 29, 2004 – Emery Secondary School Library
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Angela Baranco-Mason, Holly Coombs, Renita Cummings, Nora Davis, Michelle DeGuzman, Mitch Fine, John Flores, Joe Frantz, Forrest Gee, Karla Golden, John Gooding, Patti Jeffery, Dick Kassis, Marcelline Krafchick, Anita Larson, Mark Miller, Roy Miller, Joanna Mooney, Ron Mooney, Angel Norris, John Perry, Estelle Rubenstein, Melissa Sackett, Joshua Simon, Tony Smith, Mary Stump, Cheryl Webb, Ellen Whittom.

Interested Parties: Tammy Dourey-Blackman, Juliette Dunn, Jeff Vincent.

1. Welcome.

EYSAC Chair John Gooding welcomed the group. He gave an update on the following items:

- The BayCES Annual Networking Dinner took place on September 28, 2004 in Berkeley. It was a great celebration of Emeryville's progress during the past year, and Emeryville was well represented at the event.
- Steve Rasmussen and Felicia Voitak have made a \$100,000 grant over 3 years to BayCES for specific programs at Emeryville and Berkeley schools. The BayCES Board of Trustees pledged to match this grant with an additional \$100,000 over the same 3-year period.
- Pixar is hosting a special benefit for the Emery Education Foundation. They will be showing their new movie, The Incredibles, before its release date. The event is sold-out. There will also be a silent auction. Pixar's goal is to raise \$40,000 for EEF.
- Marcelline Krafchick gave an additional \$5,000 this year to support the music program at EUSD.

2. Citizens to be Heard.

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

3. Update on Emeryville Recreation Department – John Flores.

City Manager John Flores provided an update on the City Recreation Department facilities, with the following highlights:

- John acknowledged the outstanding effort of the Recreation Department, as they completed their move into new portable buildings on the existing site prior to the start of school.
- The portable buildings provide 9,000 square feet of space for the Recreation Department programs. The City is currently working on façade improvements to the buildings, including awnings, murals and landscaping. These new portable buildings will be serviceable for period of 5-8 years. We hope to be in new permanent facilities prior to that time.
- The Recreation Department is serving approximately 100 elementary school children before and after school. There are also a number of secondary school students participating in the Teen Program.

4. Update on EUSD – Superintendent Tony Smith

Tony gave an update on EUSD, with the following highlights:

- The opening day of school was very positive. EUSD has a new vision, with a commitment to have order in the schools. The staff worked very hard to get ready for the opening of school. The District is running better, with stronger relationships. The focus is on building a culture that will ultimately live within the new buildings envisioned in the Emeryville Center of Community Life.
- State standardized test scores were very positive for EUSD. We were the 3rd most improved school district in California. Mark Miller reported that Emery Secondary had the largest gain of any comprehensive local high school in the state.
- Attendance so far is year has been outstanding at 95%. Support classes are working well.
- Educators from around the country will be visiting Emery schools during November as a part of a conference that will be taking place in the Bay area.

5. AC Transit Update

Michelle DeGuzman gave an update on the City's efforts to facilitate the relocation of AC Transit, with the following highlights:

- Initial work on the needs assessment, which details AC Transit's current operations in Emeryville and what will be needed to relocate the same functions to an alternate site, is complete. An initial cost estimate has also been prepared.
- The site selection phase is currently underway. This involves identifying and evaluating alternate sites for relocating AC Transit. The current site is approximately 8 ½ acres.

- The consultants have completed a timeline that estimates how long it will take to relocate AC Transit. This timeline projects that the earliest AC Transit can be relocated to a new site is by the end of 2007. The timeline accounts for acquisition and clean up of a new site, as well as design and construction of new AC Transit facilities. AC Transit will not be able to move off of the Emeryville site until the new facilities are complete.

6. Emeryville Center of Community Life Update

Ellen Whittom reviewed the revised ECCL timeline and cost analysis, with the following highlights:

- The ECCL timeline has been revised based on the AC Transit timeline. The anticipated date for construction to begin has been moved to July 2008, which would allow the first new facilities in the ECCL to open in the fall of 2010.
- The revised timeline has been expanded to include some of the steps that need to be accomplished prior to construction, including the following:
 - Completion of educational specifications for EUSD, facilities specifications for City/community facilities and design guidelines.
 - Completion of the ECCL Master Plan, CEQA review and planning approvals
 - Completion of environmental review and approval process to use AC Transit site and buildings for school functions.
 - Design of ECCL, including agency approvals.
 - Completion and implementation of the financial plan, including a bond campaign and ballot measure.
- The cost analysis has been revised to account for the following two items:
 - An increase in the anticipated cost of land acquisition from \$35 million to \$50 million.
 - An additional year of inflation based on the anticipated start of construction.

This revision results in an increase in the anticipated cost of the project of approximately \$18 million. Based on the assumptions that we have made, the analysis now projects a total project cost without the community theatre of approximately \$168 million under the all new scenario or \$136 million under the combination rehab/new scenario.

There was discussion regarding the timing of the Police Station and whether there might be opportunities to move forward more quickly with this building. There was also discussion regarding the timing for the rehabilitation of Emery Secondary School

7. Educational Specifications/Facilities Specifications

Roy Miller explained to the group what educational specifications and facilities specifications are. He made the following major points:

- The specifications are a verbalization of your dream.
- The specifications are a necessary preliminary step through which you communicate detailed information to the professionals who will be helping to design and construct your vision.
- The process of preparing specifications prepares you as a community to work with the designers of the project to make sure that the project ultimately reflects your goals.
- The process will bring together the City and School functions and is an opportunity to transform the current environment.

Josh Simon added that the process is a road map for changes that can begin now. We are changing our programs and will then be building a Center of Community Life to house these programs. We want to begin implementing the changes now to make sure that the Emeryville Center of Community Life fits into our community.

8. Community Meetings

Tony Smith explained that we had previously planned to hold community meetings regarding the Emeryville Center of Community Life this fall. With the revised timeline, this schedule no longer makes sense. We would instead like to bring the community together in the spring to focus on the future – this will also be an excellent opportunity to provide information on the progress at EUSD.

9. Next Steps

Nora Davis mentioned that that the General Plan Committee will begin work next month and that the ECCL vision must be a part of this process. She suggested a future joint meeting of the General Plan Committee and EYSAC. A number of EYSAC members indicated that they would be serving on the General Plan Committee.

Cheryl Webb discussed the opportunities to develop a curriculum for EUSD students focusing on the ECCL process. Melissa Sackett indicated that this would be ideal for the advisory period.

The committee agreed to meet again in early 2005, tentatively in January.