

**Los Banos Unified School District/City of Los Banos**  
**2x3 Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, October 20, 2014  
4:00 p.m.

LBUSD

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: Dennis Areias, Steve Carrigan, Tom Faria, Tommy Jones, Andrée Soares (for Mr. Hurley), Steve Tietjen, Mike Villalta,

Roll Call

Absent: All Present

On Motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Faria, the Committee approved the agenda as submitted. Carried: Ayes 7, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Approval of  
Agenda

None

Public Forum

Dr. Tietjen said there has been some controversy among swim groups regarding the District's plan to close the PHS swimming pool for a three month maintenance update. Staff mistakenly indicated that there was no facility use scheduled when it was decided to close the pool from November through January to perform various maintenance procedures. It was later determined that the swim groups had planned to use the pool year-round and had already paid annual dues to their national organization. If the pool were unavailable for three months it would have a negative impact on their program. Regular maintenance is crucial for keeping the pool in good shape for all groups to use throughout the year. Dr. Tietjen said monthly operation costs for the pool are estimated to be \$15,000 per month, excluding labor; the District charges \$225 per month for the swim groups to use the pool; it was his understanding the each participant is paying \$100 per month; the amount of facility use fees being charged to these groups does not cover their share of maintenance costs. Dr. Tietjen said equipment has been damaged and tiles have been broken and cracked. There is no way to determine who is responsible; facility use needs to be monitored carefully to prevent future damage. Committee members asked Dr. Tietjen if he would provide a breakdown of pool costs at the next 2x3 meeting. Mr. Carrigan said a community pool is not high on the City's priority list right now, although, as the economy recovers and finances strengthen a pool would definitely move up on that list. He indicated a 7 million dollar pool complex was built recently in Reedley; he believes Los Banos would be able to build something comparable in the 4 to 5 million dollar range.

PHS Swimming  
Pool Maintenance

Dr. Tietjen provided a brief review of the overpass project slated to begin in 2018-19. The upgrade would encompass a much larger area than the current overpass and would require the elimination of the basketball courts that are located on the southwest corner of the LBE campus. City staff responded negatively to the plans and is planning to discuss this matter further with Caltrans representatives.

Caltrans Overpass

Mr. Carrigan said there has been no activity related to development of the AMG property. A tentative map has been approved, but final approval has not been made. City staff believes the property may be sold in the near future. Developers have shown an interest in building homes in Los Banos should the City establish a fee reduction plan. Mr. Carrigan explained that current fees were established during the housing boom and would be hard to justify in today's economy. If the City does not institute a fee reduction plan the Building Industry Association may challenge the current fees and possible litigation could result. The fee reduction program would be good for one year and for 100 homes only, there would be no extensions.

AMG Property  
Update

Dr. Tietjen inquired about water and sewer impact fees for the new junior high school. School districts do not pay traffic impact fees as they are not reimbursed from the State for these fees. The District asked if the City could provide them with an estimate of fees and whether or not payment can be deferred until State funds become available.

City Fees for New  
Junior High

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Signed:

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Mary Cotta, Executive Secretary  
Los Banos Unified School District

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Date