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Clark County School Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, November 5, 2018 – 1:30-3:30pm

Members/Alternates Present: Marc Boldt, County Council; Julie Olson, County Council; Monty Anderson, Battle Ground School District; Mark Ross, Battle Ground School District; Connie Hennessey, Camas School District; Heidi Rosenberg, Camas School District; John Steach, Evergreen School District; Tyson Vogeler, Green Mountain School District; Sandra Yager, Hockinson School District; Marian Young on behalf of Mary Templeton, Washougal School District; Michael Green, Woodland School District; Sharon Kruse, Washington State University-Vancouver; Christie BrownSilva, Neighborhood Association of Clark County; Monica Santos-Pinacho, CREDC; Brittany Bagent, CREDC; Cary Moore, EOCF; Marnie Allen, ESD 112; Mike Nerland, ESD 112

Staff, Facilitator, Presenters: Laurie Lebowsky, Clark County Community Planning; Jeanne Lawson, JLA; Mitch Nickolds, Clark County Community Development

Absent: Ridgefield School District, Vancouver School District, Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Goal of today is to answer the following questions: What are the messages you want to take to County Council? How do we want to move forward?
- February meeting notes: adopted

2. Introduction: New Community Development Director

- Mitch Nickolds is working on revamping the permit process; Electronic Permit System, hoping to be done by 2020
- Ready to work with those who want to work on projects with Community Development

3. Walkthrough of Meetings & Highlights

- June 2017: Identified issues to discuss
 - Four primary areas identified: permitting process, youth coping skills, countywide emergency planning/preparation, talent pipeline to align with future employment demand
 - Clarified overarching purpose: high level discussion, preparing students to get the success they need in life and hopefully in Clark County
- August 2017: Permitting process
 - A sub-committee meeting was held to address permitting issues

- Outcome of sub-committee: Community Development staff designated a project manager and staff to focus on school permitting.
- August 2017: Youth coping skills
 - Focused on deliberation and identifying issues
 - Outcome of meeting: the group agreed that schools staff need to communicate better regarding available services
 - Question: do schools need mental health help from Clark County? Response: schools tend to take help from variety of services/resource providers to help meet needs
- November 2017: Countywide emergency planning CRESA
 - Outcome of meeting: group agreed to continue the conversation with CRESA surrounding the development of best practices to use during incidents.
 - Jeanne Lawson asked for updates on how their emergency preparedness is going, most districts are doing at least something to get prepared.
 - Tyson Vogeler: "If there's a countywide emergency, where would all the schools go?" Not satisfied with current situation. Would like to see countywide school emergency plan.
 - Concerns with limited resources in north-end of county.
 - Christie Brown-Silva: No neighborhood emergency plans or coordination between neighborhoods and schools for emergency planning. Would like to see some kind of official process.
 - C-Tran is working on a statewide bus emergency plan
- February 2018: Talent pipeline
 - The group heard from CREDC, SHE America and SW Washington STEM network presenters
 - Learned about STEM opportunities, resources, and existing networks

4. Outcomes Report to Council

- The group discussed how to present their accomplishments and highlights to the County Council
- At the next Council Time meeting, the Council Chair will provide a report to the rest of Council

5. Next Steps for Advisory Council

- Discussed future meetings plan, both potential issues and meeting structure
- What we learned: a lot of other groups that exist, such as:
 - Monthly superintendent meetings
 - Permitting issues are addressed by the county schools team
 - CREDC Education Committee
- Interest in continuing open dialogue between councilors and schools
- May not need to meet as frequently, but will have forum if issues come up and to continue building relationships
- Issues that still need to be addressed:
 - Growth planning and development activity, making sure districts have notice and are not caught by surprise

- Legislation discussion, in advance of next legislative session and to strive for unified countywide messaging
- Countywide emergency planning management. Important topic to continue, but proposal to not address in this group/forum. Ideally, this would be a task-based group, initiated/convened by emergency services.
- Proposed approach moving forward:
 - Early fall meeting focused on legislative issues
 - Spring meeting focused on growth & planning activities

6. Next steps

- Council Chair to provide a report on the Schools Advisory Council to the rest of Council
- Next Schools Advisory Council meeting will be in the spring of 2019
- Community Development Director to follow-up on liaison plan with schools

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.