

**City of Lemon Grove/Lemon Grove School District  
Official Minutes of the Joint City Council/Governing Board Workshop  
Special Meeting of July 18, 2018  
Alvarez Auditorium – 3121 School Lane, Lemon Grove, California 91945**

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**1. OPENING FUNCTIONS**

**1.a. Call to Order**

**Minutes:** The meeting was called to order by the City of Lemon Grove (City) and the Lemon Grove School District (District) at 6:03 p.m.

**1.b. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

Attendance Taken at 6:04 PM:

**1.b.1. Present for the City:**

Raquel Vasquez, Mayor  
Jerry Jones, Mayor Pro  
Jennifer Mendoza, Councilmember  
David Arambula, Councilmember  
Matt Mendoza, Councilmember

Absent: None

**1.b.2. Present the District:**

Blanca Brown, Board President  
Timothy Shaw, Board Vice President  
Katie Dexter, Board Clerk  
Jay Bass, Board Member  
Larry Loschen, Board Member

Absent: None

**1.c. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Lydia Romero and District Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Berman

**Public Comment:** Raquel Maden from CSBA addressed the Council and Board. She expressed her support for the efforts of the City and District in coming together to collaborate, noting that having such a meeting with a full school district governing board and entire city council is very rare in California, and something to be proud of.

**1.d. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion Passed by City:** Approve this agenda. Passed with a motion by David Arambula and a second by Jerry Jones.

Yes Raquel Vasquez  
Yes Jerry Jones  
Yes Jennifer Mendoza  
Yes David Arambula  
Yes Matt Mendoza

**Motion Passed by District:** Approve this agenda. Passed with a motion by Katie Dexter and a second by Jay Bass.

Yes Blanca Brown  
Yes Timothy Shaw  
Yes Katie Dexter  
Yes Jay Bass  
Yes Larry Loschen

## 2. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 2.a. A Vision for Lemon Grove; A Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Board of Trustees

**Minutes:** In order to facilitate the discussion on this agenda item, Mr. Rich Thome presented the document attached as Exhibit A to the Governing Board and City Council members. Mr. Thome led a discussion in which the following matters were addressed:

- Identifying areas of common interest
- How to attract families to Lemon Grove
- How to increase enrollment in the District
- How to address perceptions versus reality of Lemon Grove
- Finding ways to collaborate which create greater efficiency for the City and District
- Creating safe recreation opportunities to make Lemon Grove more attractive to families
- Emphasizing specialty schools in the District such as dual immersion, STEM and arts
- Affordability and availability of housing
- Cleaning up Golden Avenue between Kempf and Lemon Grove Avenue
- City-wide WiFi
- Areas of shared advocacy
- Cross-use of property and facilities
- Security issues regarding shared facilities
- Pursuing joint grants that would benefit the City and the District
- Creating foundations for establishing more parks and recreation areas
- Improving outreach to the public
- How to get the younger generation to return to the City, their hometown
- The City's occupancy rate and its 50/50 ratio of renters versus homeowners
- Cross-promotion of each other's events via some sort of calendar system
- How to attract adult education to the City and District
- Reaching out to SDSU and UCSD Extension programs to bring classes to the City
- How to leverage relationships with business to benefit the City and District
- Increasing the frequency of City-District Collaboration Meetings
- Better promotion of City-District Collaboration Meetings to encourage public participation
- Preparing and presenting reports of City-District Collaboration Meetings
- Partnership opportunities and common goals with community partners
- How to engage the community and foster participation with the City and District

**Public Comment:** Yadira Altamirano addressed the Council and Board. She expressed concerns regarding improving communications, the frequency of meetings involving the community, and the adoption of new curriculum at the District.

**Public Comment (Continued):** Leana Lebaron addressed the Council and Board. She expressed concerns regarding improving communications, and shared information regarding the HealZone.


Further discussion topics included:

- Promoting social gatherings in the community similar to the Coffee with the Sheriff gatherings
- Having more meetings such as this one
- The upcoming First Annual Lemon Grove School District Showcase to be held on Saturday, September 29.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes:** Mayor Vasquez on behalf of the City, and Blanca Brown on behalf of the District, adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

For the City:

  
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Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

  
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Lydia Romero, City Manager

For the District:

  
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Katie Dexter, Board Clerk

  
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Dr. Kimberly Berman, Board Secretary