
**AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SURPLUS PROPERTY 7/11
COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Facilities Advisory Surplus Property 7/11 Committee meeting will be held at the Administrative Office, 546 S. Citrus Avenue.

1.0 Call To Order

1.1 The Surplus Property Committee Meeting will be Called to Order

Vanessa Jones, the Chairperson, called the Surplus Property 7/11 Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call

The following 7/11 Committee members were present:

Richard Brown
Corazon Cenon
Edward Hlava
Vanessa Jones
Jonny Liu
Hector Miranda
Terry Monjaraz
Sam Perdomo
Karen Rouggy (Joined the meeting at 5:04 pm)

The following Committee members were absent:

Steven Castro
Laurie Wray

The following individuals were present on behalf of the District:

Superintendent Arturo Ortega
Assistant Superintendent Latasha Jamal
Sarah Polito, Legal Counsel

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes of the Surplus Property Committee Meeting held on June 21, 2023

Traditionally, minutes are routine in nature. A District staff member provided to the Surplus Property Committee shall keep minutes and record all official Committee actions. Copies of the minutes of each regular or special meeting shall be distributed to all committee members with the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee approve minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2023.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Edward Hlava)** Moved, Member **(Richard Brown)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee approve minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2023'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(8)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **Carried. (9) - (0)**

Richard Brown	Yes
Steven Castro	Absent
Corazon Cenon	Yes
Edward Hlava	Yes
Vanessa Jones	Yes
Jonny Liu	Yes
Hector Miranda	Yes
Terry Monjaraz	Yes
Sam Perdomo	Yes
Karen Rougely	Absent
Laurie Wray	Absent

4.0 Public Comment

4.1 Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

This is an opportunity for the public to address the 7/11 Committee Members on agenda or non-agenda items. Individual speakers may be allowed up to three (3) minutes to address the 7/11 Committee Members on any agenda or non-agenda items. When the public wishes to address the 7/11 Committee on an agenda or non-agenda item, they may fill out a blue card, stand at the podium, or raise their hand while in the Zoom attendance. The 7/11 Committee Members are not permitted to respond to public comments. The 7/11 Committee Members will take blue card requests first, followed in order by speakers at the podium and then those in the Zoom attendance.

Tom Devore

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=250>

- ❖ Concerned about use of school sites for recreational purposes. Desires for use of school sites as parks and recreational spaces, like soccer. Slauson was suggested as a location for a park. Proposed consideration of the value of the sites and that once sites are sold, they are no longer available.

5.0 Public Hearing

5.1 Public Hearing

A public hearing is held to solicit feedback on the operations of the Surplus Property Committee, the potential uses of the properties, and the findings and recommendations within the draft report.

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:07 pm.

Liz Van Alstine

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=527>

- ❖ Concerned about the sale of Ellington School. Concerned about the small number of entrances into the neighborhood. Concern that the sale of the property would be detrimental to the neighborhood. Crossing the street is a concern, no sidewalks and few signals, as well as no streetlights. Concern about speed on the street near the former school site. No desire for high-density development.

Anel Ferias

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=707>

- ❖ Wanted to learn more about the surplus property and Ellington neighborhood. No sidewalks or street lights around the site. Concern that the property will be sold and converted to residential use. Currently, there is lots of walking and biking in the school site, as a safe space.

James Cortez-Rivera

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=807>

- ❖ Sharing information about stormwater capture projects and the creation of greenspace for communities. County of Los Angeles programs provide funds and options for redoing campuses and planting trees and communities to create community hubs. Brings ideas about community parks and community garden spaces that may be an opportunity for these surplus school sites.

Kyaw Swa-Shin

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=943>

- ❖ Lives near Powell Elementary and would like the committee to consider using locations for ongoing educational and non-profit purposes and homework help centers and not residential uses.

Joan Hamrick

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=1063>

- ❖ Lives on Clydebank. Concern that there is a stipulation that the Ellington School site is restricted to school uses and can't be made into residential use. Traffic concerns and inlet concerns about the use of the site for residential use.

Janet Leasing

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=1156>

- ❖ Questioned the use of the proceeds of surplus funds and how money and proceeds are allocated. She asks that answers be provided online or in writing. Ms. Leasing pointed to a copy of the report and YouTube for recordings of the prior meetings.

Jeanette Fruta

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=1324>

- ❖ Represented a nonprofit called Mariposa Alliance. She is looking at sharing a property with other nonprofits. Mariposa Alliance works with youth to facilitate nonprofit programs and is interested in joining other nonprofits to share the use of a property.

Margaret Sanchez

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=1390>

- ❖ Expresses concern about the Ellington neighborhood and lack of sidewalks. Would like to see the use of spaces for the enrichment of the community and children, in particular parks and open spaces. Not interested in absorbing townhomes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:25 pm.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Review and Adopt Findings and Recommendations of the Surplus Property Committee and Adopt Final Surplus Property Committee Report

The Surplus Property Committee has drafted a report with findings and recommendations for the Board of Education and has received comments through the public hearing process. The Surplus Property Committee must now decide whether to approve the report in its final form for presentation to the Board of Education.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee approve the final report and its findings and recommendations.

Jonny Liu

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=1606>

Mr. Liu noted that the committee was tasked with identifying whether the properties were surplus and not in deciding what each site should be used for. He confirmed that determination is up to the School Board.

Karen Rougely

<https://www.youtube.com/live/vnrK6Z0qC6s?feature=share&t=1655>

Ms. Rougely noted that the committee's recommendations noted the desire that the board review and consider the context of the neighborhood before making decisions and highlights that it is the Board's decision ultimately to decide how the sites are used.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Terry Monjaraz**) Moved, Member (**Karen Rouggy**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee approve the final report and its findings and recommendations'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(9)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **Carried. (9) - (0)**

Richard Brown	Yes
Steven Castro	Absent
Corazon Cenon	Yes
Edward Hlava	Yes
Vanessa Jones	Yes
Jonny Liu	Yes
Hector Miranda	Yes
Terry Monjaraz	Yes
Sam Perdomo	Yes
Karen Rouggy	Yes
Laurie Wray	Absent

6.2 Appoint Representative(s) to Present Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education and Discuss Presentation of Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education

The Surplus Property Committee should select one or multiple members that would like to appear in person at the District's next Board of Education meeting to present the Surplus Property Committee's final report to the Board of Education.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee Appoint Representative(s) to present the Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education and discuss logistics for presentation of Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sam Perdomo**) Moved, Member (**Edward Hlava**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee Appoint Representative(s) to present the Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education and discuss logistics for presentation of Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education. The Surplus Property Committee appointed three members to present the Final Surplus Property Committee Report to the Board of Education. Vanessa Jones, Jonny Liu, and Karren Rouggy'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(9)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **Carried. (9) - (0)**

Richard Brown	Yes
Steven Castro	Absent
Corazon Cenon	Yes
Edward Hlava	Yes
Vanessa Jones	Yes
Jonny Liu	Yes
Hector Miranda	Yes
Terry Monjaraz	Yes
Sam Perdomo	Yes

Karen Rouggly	Yes
Laurie Wray	Absent

7.0 Approval of Date for Presentation of Final Committee Report

7.1 Approval of date for presentation of Final Surplus Property Committee Report to be presented to the Board of Education on August 8, 2023

The Surplus Property Committee has drafted a report with findings and recommendations for the Board of Education and must now present and/or provide those recommendations to the Board of Education.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee approve the date for the final presentation to the Board of Education on August 8, 2023.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Terry Monjaraz**) Moved, Member (**Sam Perdomo**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee approve the date for the final presentation to the Board of Education on August 8, 2023'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(9)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **Carried. (9) - (0)**

Richard Brown	Yes
Steven Castro	Absent
Corazon Cenon	Yes
Edward Hlava	Yes
Vanessa Jones	Yes
Jonny Liu	Yes
Hector Miranda	Yes
Terry Monjaraz	Yes
Sam Perdomo	Yes
Karen Rouggly	Yes
Laurie Wray	Absent

8.0 Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee adjourn the Surplus Property Committee meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Karen Rouggly**) Moved, Member (**Edward Hlava**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'It is recommended the Surplus Property Committee adjourn the Surplus Property Committee meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(9)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **Carried. (9) - (0)**

Richard Brown	Yes
Steven Castro	Absent
Corazon Cenon	Yes

Edward Hlava	Yes
Vanessa Jones	Yes
Jonny Liu	Yes
Hector Miranda	Yes
Terry Monjaraz	Yes
Sam Perdomo	Yes
Karen Rouggly	Yes
Laurie Wray	Absent

The Surplus Property 7/11 Committee meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Chair