



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: 2023 Education Summit

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Receive and file an update on the 2023 Education Summit.

DISCUSSION

Background

Formed in 2020, the City and School Districts City Council Sub-Committee is charged with convening an annual Education Summit with school representatives to share information and identify ways the City and schools can collaborate to address shared issues. Councilmember Lesa Sobek and Mayor Pro Tem Karwin served as the City Council's appointed representatives in 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Karwin was unable to attend the meeting and Mayor Zimmerman attended to hear the updates provided by staff and school representatives.

The 4th annual Education Summit was held on September 14, 2023, with representatives from Menifee Union School District (MUSD), Perris Union High School District (PUHSD), and Romoland School District, as well as Santa Rosa Academy and Springs Charter Schools, and Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) invited to participate. The focus of the 2023 Summit centered around ways the City and schools can work together in their respective roles to support and promote safety in the community. Each representative discussed common safety measures impacting the City and schools including safe routes to schools, safety programs and services provided to students.

An update was provided by the Community Development Director on ongoing residential development and in-process projects, which included more multi-family homes, apartments, and condos. Projects under construction include Legado, Cimarron Ridge, Alder Ranch, Rockport Ranch, McLaughlin Village, Boulders Menifee, Estrella, and Del Oro Apartments. Projects in process include The Village at Junipero, River Walk, Golden Meadows, Cantalena, and Menifee

Valley. All projects can be viewed on the City website (www.cityofmenifee.us/147/city-maps). The Public Works Director highlighted some major Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that will improve access to the community and enhance safety measures around schools, which are part of the Active Transportation Plan and the broader Complete Streets Plan. These projects include the Holland Road overpass, pedestrian crossing at Audie Murphy Road, and ADA improvements around Bell Mountain Middle School.

The Police Chief provided information on student driving programs, including the Teen Impact Driving Program, with ten trained officers to provide education. There was also a request for digital floor plans of the schools and Knox boxes to assist with access if there is an emergency event at any school.

The Fire Division Chief provided information about the Menifee Life Savers Program, which includes free classes for residents in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CRP), Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use, and basic first aid. An overview was provided on Alert Menifee, the city's latest platform for receiving emergency notifications via voice, text, and email. The type of alerts subscribers may receive include natural disasters, (flooding, wildfires, etc.) and gas leaks.

School representatives highlighted various trainings they have received from the police department for active shooter and drug awareness. There was a discussion regarding the need for more State funding. As the population of Menifee grows, the need for more schools and resources increases, and the necessity for student driver education. PUHSD and Santa Rosa Academy discussed the desire to enhance student safety by only having a single point of entry for faster response times in an emergency. MSJC reported an increase in enrollments of 5000 students from the previous year and reported their math and science building would be completed by March 2024. MSJC's new stadium is open and has resulted in more traffic on the campus. While the signal at Antelope Road has increased safety, there is a need for a traffic signal at La Piedra Road to address left-hand turns. Public Works staff reported they are working on the issue. Romoland School District reported the need for a crosswalk at Junipero Road and East Heritage Lake Drive near Boulder Ridge Elementary School. Santa Rosa Academy requested a no U-turn sign near campus drop-off and pick-up points.

Next Steps

City Staff will work with the Committee and school representatives to schedule the next Education Summit in Fall 2024.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Community Engagement and Social Infrastructure

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.