

**CITY OF KUNA  
CITY COUNCIL AND KUNA SCHOOL BOARD  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho**

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**Kuna City Mayor & Council:**

Greg W. Nelson, Mayor  
Richard Cardoza, Council President  
Briana Buban-Vonder Haar, Council Member  
Joe Stear, Council Member

Carl Ericson  
Sallie Ann McArthur  
Ginny Greger  
Royleen Anderson

**City Staff:**

Richard Roats, City Attorney  
Gordon Law, City Engineer  
Bobby Withrow, Parks Supervisor  
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

**Superintendent & District Staff:**

Wendy Johnson, Superintendent  
Devan DeLashmutt, Asst. Superintendent & IT  
Coordinator  
Bryan Fletcher, Business Manager

**Kuna School Board of Trustees:**

**Others in attendance:** Sabrina Anderson, ACHD; Pat Jones, Mark Barnes, Kuna Melba News Editor

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone at 6:15 p.m. Introductions were made reflecting the above individuals in attendance.

2. City Projects – Kuna Recreation District (*Timestamp 00:01:40*)

After a consultant is hired for the Community Pool/Recreation Facility Feasibility Study the City will begin working on a Recreation District. The Recreation District will be the same size as the School District with the exception of the two mile stretch in Meridian. The role of the consultant is to interview the community to receive input on the project and to review the financial status of the City. An election will be held in March 2014.

3. City Projects – Boys & Girls Club, Swimming Pool and YMCA

The City is working on hiring a consultant to do a feasibility study for a community pool and recreation facility. The consultant will interview the community, check out the financial status and will determine the cost of the project. The plan is to build the swimming pool and then for the YMCA to operate it.

4. New Construction (*Timestamp 00:10:14*)

Since the last meeting, 37 new homes have been built and Ridley's plan to open on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. Additional businesses are planning to build in the spring.

5. High-Five Grant Discussion (*Timestamp 00:12:43*)

Blue Cross is currently in town doing interviews to learn how the public feels about recreation, bicycling, physical education in the schools, etc. The plan is to implement educational programs to encourage children to be more active. The City will be hiring someone to be over the Recreation District.

6. Mental Health Discussion (*Timestamp 00:17:19*)

Mayor Nelson held a meeting with a group of mental health professionals and learned individuals needing counseling do not want to be seen entering facilities providing mental health services. To provide more services on a local basis, ideas are being explored to provide services in a facility that would be more discrete. Funding is being checked into to see about providing services at a reduced rate.

7. Community Garden Discussion (*Timestamp 00:26:54*)

Plans are being made for students to be involved with growing trees for the school and city on 3 acres of school owned property under the direction of Layne Saxton. The existing community garden across from city hall was very successful this year and will continue for next year.

8. Farmers Market Discussion (*Timestamp 00:21:13*)

The Farmers Market is not doing well possibly due to location, not selling to the school, higher prices etc. so the Mayor will schedule a meeting to discuss these concerns.

9. School Enrollment (*Timestamp 00:38:38*)

Superintendent, Wendy Johnson, reported 5,117 students are enrolled in school as of today. Enrollment for the beginning of August was projected at 5,105 children. Last year's enrollment was 5,010 students. No projections have been made yet for next year's enrollment.

10. Cathy Gealy's After School Program (*Timestamp 00:33:55*)

Superintendent Johnson reported a grant was received to target students needing after school assistance. As a result, the school was able to hire Cathy Gealy to run the After School Program to involve the children in a variety of fun projects. The program is very successful and all the children are enjoying it.

11. Christmas Parade, Lighting Christmas Trees and Caroling (*Timestamp 00:37:36*)

Kuna Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Christmas Night Light Parade at 6 p.m. on December 14. At the conclusion of the parade, there will be caroling by the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Choir and Band followed by a tree lighting ceremony at the city park. There will also be a carnival at the Old Gym.

12. Safe Routes to School Discussion (*Timestamp 00:39:49*)

Concern was expressed on the lighting during the winter months along Linder between Hubbard and Deer Flat. A child was recently hit by a car in the area but it was mostly due to overgrown bushes.

The Mayor reported plans are being made to connect bike paths to the schools and for improving sidewalks. Lighting and removal of bushes will be reviewed.

Sabrina Anderson with ACHD reported they visited the area and all the side streets were lighted. She stated it is a city issue and suggested the lights be checked to make sure they are all working properly. Overgrown vegetation was noted at the corner of Linder and Ardell on common areas so the HOA would need to be contacted.

Ms. Anderson also reported that a safe route school request has not been submitted from the school district for the past three years and encouraged them to do so.

The school reported they are working on this issue along with constantly teaching the children to make safe choices. The school transportation department will work on the concerns.

**8. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, 2014 at the School District Office. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham  
Date Approved: CCM 12/17/13*

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