



Office of the City Manager

## **2 X 2 COMMITTEE MEETING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, May 24, 2024  
2:30 – 4:00 pm  
2020 Bonar Street, Room 126  
Berkeley, CA 94702

### **Committee Members:**

Councilmember Sophie Hahn  
Councilmember Terry Taplin

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President  
Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda for May 24, 2024
4. Approval of Minutes for March 22, 2024 (Attachment 1)
5. Public Comment (10 min)
6. Discussion Items
  - 6.1 YEP Update (10 min)
  - 6.2 Update on parking permits for BHS staff (10 min)
  - 6.3 Update on CoB + BUSD Collaboration on Mental Health (10 min)
  - 6.4 Transportation: explore public transit efforts/safe routes (10 min)
7. Action Items
  - 7.1 Prioritize Future Agenda Items
8. Adjournment - Next Meeting Date: August 23, 2024 at 2:30 pm



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# 2x2 Meeting Notes

Attachment 1

**Meeting Location:** 2020 Bonar Street, Room 126, Berkeley, CA 94702

**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2024

**Meeting Time:** 2:30 - 4:00 pm

## 2x2 Member Participants:

### BUSD:

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President

Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director

### City of Berkeley:

Sophie Hahn, City of Berkeley Councilmember, Chair

Terry Taplin, City of Berkeley Councilmember

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm

**Roll Call:** All members were present

## Approval of Meeting Agenda for March 22, 2024:

Hahn moved to approve the March 22 agenda. Vasudeo motioned to move item 5.4 up on the agenda followed by another motion made by Hahn to move item 5.3 immediately after item 5.4. Shanoski moved to approve the agenda with proposed changes, the motion was seconded by Taplin. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2023:

Vasudeo motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 9, 2023, the motion was seconded by Taplin. The motion was passed with three votes and one abstention.

## Public Comment:

- Mina Sun, parent of a 5th grade blind student, advocated for the City of Berkeley (CoB) and the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to invest in adaptive team sports for students with disabilities. Ms Sun suggested the CoB and BUSD should consider hosting disability forward events, especially in summer camps to foster the community.

- Aimee Baldwin suggested to the committee that BUSD leave the Oxford Elementary site to the CoB and allow it to be used as a homeless shelter as a cost effective resolution to get individuals off the streets.
- Tara Moran, shared that the Commission on Status of Women is in the process of recommending a task force to look into sex trafficking in Berkeley, an issue that is ongoing in the City of Berkeley. The commission has invited various presenters, including an FBI Special Agent who shared that he has been responsible for pursuing 12 different sex trafficking operations in Berkeley in three years. The commission is recommending that the task force also includes two members of the 2x2 committee, one member being a councilmember, and the other being a school board member.

## **5. Discussion Items:**

### **5.1 Update 2020 Vision/YEP:**

Nina Goldman, Manager of the CoB Youth Equity Partner (YEP) gave a brief update on YEP's community agency RFP process as well as the youth panel pilot. The community agency RFP process deals with a set of contracts that furthers efforts to achieve equitable opportunities and outcomes for African American and Latinx youth who live in or go to school in Berkeley. Through the RFP process the city provide \$1.7 million for next fiscal year, a four year process, so it will add up to \$6.8 million to focus on a set of priorities that support African American and Latinx youth to be kindergarten ready, successful in school, healthy, connected and resilient, college and career ready. These priorities would complement the work of BUSD, and help advance the goals of the African American Success Framework and the Latinx resolution. More information about this will be provided at the May 7 City Council meeting.

Ms. Goldman along with Ms. Katie Cobian also shared an update about YEP's Youth Review Panel pilot. In the current RFP cycle, YEP hired African American and Latinx youth enrolled at BUSD and Berkeley City College (BCC) to recommend how City Council should allocate funding designated for Black and Latinx children and youth. YEP outreached widely across the schools, 51 students applied for the position, and everyone that was eligible was offered an interview, and 20 students were hired, these students attend BHS, Berkeley Technology Academy, Berkeley Independent Studies and BCC. YEP spent two and a half months with those students to train them on the role of community agencies, local government, budgets, personnel, program design to provide groundwork to help them in their decision making. The students worked an average of 45 hours per student and they did a wonderful job. The students were able to reach a consensus on a set of recommendations that are thoughtful, well-justified and

balanced. The recommendations are being reviewed by the City Manager and those will be introduced to City Council on May 7, and on June 25 for City Council's final decision.

The item was open for discussion, and Board President Vasudeo asked how YEP updates the BUSD's Educational Services Department as well as the Office of Family Engagement and Equity on the recommendations. Ms. Goldman explained that she would share that information once the recommendations are made public, and emphasized that YEP has a good working relationship with BUSD staff. Superintendent Ford Morthel further clarified that YEP does work closely with BUSD staff, such as the monthly African American Success Framework monthly team meeting where they have the opportunity to share events, program updates

## **5.2 Summer Programming Coordination between COB and BUSD**

Ms. Brazil McIntyre, the BUSD Program Supervisor for LEARNs shared a brief presentation about summer programming that targets BUSD's most frequently underrepresented students. There are a number of programs that have been planned at three different school sites, Rosa Parks, Berkeley Arts Magnet and Oxford; each of these programs will offer support for students in TK-4, ESY, and TWI. There is also a plan for an African American STEM program, and for English Learners the District will offer a writer's academy. For unduplicated/underserved students that qualify for the BEARS program they will be offered summer programming for the majority of the summer from June 5 to August 9, this program is new to summer programming.

Middle school students (5-7 grades) will be offered a summer Math Academy where they will have the opportunity to practice their math skills, for students interested in sports, they will be offered Write on Sports where students will participate in writing workshops around athletics, CTE Makers Camp students will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on Makers/STEAM activities, as well as social-emotional learning. English Learners will also be offered a writing academy. Families will be informed in different ways about how to sign up for these summer program opportunities.

High school students, which will include current 8th grade students will also have the opportunity to engage in the Makers Camp, as well as ESY that will be available at the BHS campus, the credit recovery program will also be offered.

Ms. McIntyre shares that BUSD has been working closely with the CoB partners to secure summer swim lessons, there is also a partnership with Youth Works to have as many students as possible to help out in the summer programs for BEARS and

LEARNS. A lot of work and collaboration has been put into making sure that summer 2024 programming is successful.

Scott Ferris, CoB Director of Parks and Recreation shared that there are over 16 summer camps for elementary school children, 95% of which are already full. For middle school students there are two programs that are filling up as well. These programs in addition to the CoBs traditional summer camps like Tuolumne, Cazadero and Echo Lake Camp. Mr. Ferris has been working with the Office of Family Engagement and Equity to expand the opportunities for the most underrepresented students.

The item was open for discussion. Board president Vasudeo asked about the coordination with the District special education department and getting the summer programming information to families with students with disabilities.

Director Shanoski attends family camps and commented that it is not very diverse and wonders how the information about family camps is shared with families in the district. Mr. Ferris explained that it is a tough question to answer, and shared that a couple of years ago, the CoB started a program called “Fresh Adventures” where they are taking first time campers as well as low income families to camp, it has been successful and the program has been expanded, and are working to reaching out those communities.

Councilmember Hahn expressed the frustration and confusion that parents go through when looking into summer camps. Camps have different rules, start times, end times, etc. and asked if there is one place where all the information required can live for easier access. She also reminded the committee that the Berkeley Public Library also has summer programming for kids in Berkeley.

In response, Ms. McIntyre acknowledged the challenge and proposed a coordination meeting would help to figure out how to get all the information about the various programs in one place. Mr. Ferris agrees and shared that things are done differently since Covid, and information lives more online, and that families really begin looking for summer camp opportunities after the winter holidays, so by the end of January the CoB programs fill up. BUSD and CoB are committed to continuing to work together to get summer programs information out to families.

### **5.3 Bright Streets/Street Safety Implementation Update + Engagement with BUSD Principals *(moved to second discussion item)***

Mr. Waheed Amiri shares that an online form was created to help prioritize requests, then transportation administrative staff will review requests submitted online and send those over to traffic engineering to prioritize all of the school districts' requests under bright streets. Since the launch of the online form, they have received two requests from John Muir (JM) and Ruth Acty (RA) elementary schools. Staff met with the JM principal and addressed the safety concerns and as a result the CoB has issued two work orders to resolve the concerns the principal raised through the online form. The CoB has scheduled a meeting with the RA principal to address the concerns for safety around the school.

The CoB Office of Public Works, Transportation & Engineering has also refreshed 7 schools altogether and that was done during the summer of 2023. Between the end of the summer of 2023 to December 2023, work was also done around Rosa Parks, Cragmont and Malcolm X . He noted that there is currently only one maintenance vehicle for painting, however, they do try to prioritize maintenance around the CoB.

The item was opened for discussion, and Board President Vasudeo asked for clarification regarding the frequency of work done. Mr. Amiri clarified that the work is done year round, however, the majority of the work is done during the spring and summer months.

Director Shanoski emphasized the need for traffic calming around Ruth Acty, as cars speed through intersections, and sometimes do not stop at crosswalks, so she would like this work to be prioritized.

Councilmember Hahn expressed concern about relying on principals to initiate reports of concerns around their schools that may not achieve the desired outcome, she further clarified that it is the job of the public works department to go out and observe the conditions around each public school.

Councilmember Hahn asked Mr. Amiri to look at the budget so monies can be allocated for some of the work that needs to be done around schools in Berkeley.

### **5.3 Update on Parking Permits for BHS Staff (*moved to first item on discussion item*)**

Anne Cardwell, the CoB Deputy City Manager provided a brief update on parking permits for BHS staff. On January 16 the item went to City Council for approval to provide parking permits to BHS staff. Councilmember Hahn also submitted a

supplemental item with a number of recommendations for approval with the original item. This item allows the CoB to provide a number of permits equal to 60% of staff population. The City Council referred the 2x2 to work the BUSD staff to explore other options to increase the use of alternative forms of transportation. The City Council further requested that BUSD stops construction of the parking lot on Milvia street, and consider other uses that directly support educational or recreational needs of BHS students.

Waheed Amiri, the CoB Deputy Director for Public Works Engineering and Transportation provided a quick update and shared that CoB staff are working with John Calise with regards to the number of parking permits BHS staff will receive, and shares that there is a discrepancy with the formula to count part-time employees, so they CoB and BUSD will continue to work to clarify this discrepancy. Further, Mr. Waheed notes that since BHS already has a parking lot with 100+ parking spaces, and according to a previous 2x2 meeting, those spaces would be factored in the calculations with regards to how many permits will be issued to BHS staff.

As far as next steps, the CoB will require employees' license plate numbers so it can be uploaded to their database so the CoBs parking meter technicians can validate who is allowed to park in the lot.

The item was opened for discussion, and Councilmember Hahn clarified that in the council action that was taken on January 16 the council clarified how employees at BHS would be counted, which means that the council's action supersedes the policy the CoB has been using. Councilmember Hahn's recollections is that anyone who works at BHS whether full time or part time, as long as they are not seasonal will be counted as a whole.

Board President Vasudeo asked a question about substitute teachers and instructional assistants and how they would be counted. Mr. John Calise, BUSD's Executive Director of Facilities Division said that substitute teachers would be excluded, but instructional assistants would be counted as staff per Councilmember Hahn's recollection of the council's action.

Further discussion included information about how to request parking permits as well as cost per permit per year. The BHS principal will be working with CoB staff to get them the information needed to get staff parking permits. The question about the cost per staff per year was not answered.

## **6. Action Items**

## **6.1 Prioritize Future Agenda Items**

### Standing Items:

- Transportation: Parking lot standing items, bright streets, etc.
- YEP standing item

### Next meeting agenda

- School Site Safety
- Mental Health
- Transportation: explore public transit efforts/safe routes (primarily for downtown)

## **6.2 Confirm 2024 Meeting Schedule**

### Dates:

5/24, 8/23, 9/20, 10/25, 11/22

Director Shanoski made a motion to approve the 2x2 committee dates, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Taplin. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **7. Adjournment** 4:20 pm