

Board Agenda

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Hi Quoc,

I hope you're feeling better than I am, after last night. I found the whole experience very frustrating, and I imagine you did as well. No doubt we'll discuss it when we next get a chance to speak with each other. In the mean time, I thought I'd put into writing a few comments with regard to the agenda for our next board meeting:

- 1) I think we need an item on the agenda which does not mention housing at all (workforce housing, or any other kind of housing), and simply describes a contract to investigate the district's real estate resources, and report back to the board with an overview of the value of those assets and a plan for seeking community input to reach consensus on what (if anything) we can do to get more value out of our holdings. I think we can approve such a contract, and then when the consultant produces a plan for reaching consensus on next steps, we can approve a new contract to execute that plan or some modification thereof. Then after the plan for community engagement has been executed and we have widespread agreement on next steps, we can vote on approving those next steps. One step at a time, bringing everyone along with us.
- 2) The CCPD MOU needs to come back at the next meeting, but the community needs to hear from us about it first. Something like a summary of the existing practice, and a description of how the MOU relates to that. My impression is that the MOU simply codifies what we are already doing, but we can not take for granted that the community knows that.
- 3) We should talk about ways to keep the meetings shorter. We could have a list of which items can not be postponed to a future meeting, and take them first. We could have a timer which goes off at 10 PM, to remind us (me!) that we're supposed to make a plan at that point for rearranging the agenda to stay within time limits. We could send out a draft agenda to key stakeholders a few days in advance, to solicit comment about which items will provoke community response. I'm sure there are other, better ideas, and I'd like to brainstorm about it a little.
- 4) When an agenda item has a dollar value attached, we should consider giving the number both in dollars and expressed as a percentage of the annual budget. (\$500k is a big number, but it's important to keep in mind that it is 0.5% of the total CCUSD budget.)

Thanks,
-Steve
