

MINUTES

MELLO CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MEETING

September 22, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Mello JPA Members Present: **PVUSD** Member Clara Fernandez

> **City of Watsonville** Member Cindy Czerwin Member Lowell Hurst Member Ari Parker

City of Watsonville None

Staff Present:Parks & Community Services Director NickCalubaquib, Administrative Assistant Desiree Moya,
Theater Technician/Facility Manager Andrea Botsford

1. ROLL CALL

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.a MOTION APPROVING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021 No quorum, tabled to next meeting on October 14, 2021
- 3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA N/A
- 4. NEW BUSINESS

5. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

5.a ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC N/A

5.b ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Member Hurst stated that he wanted to make sure there is a continuation of the JPA and highlight the Mello Center in any way for public usage as well as supporting the school's work with the Mello Center.

Member Fernandez commented that Watsonville High School takes pride in the Mello Center being located on the campus school site. The more the Mello Center is highlighted for its use and purpose to the community the better. She stated she wants to continue the partnership with the City, as there is the same common goal in maintaining the Mello Center and making the best use for this location.

5.c FACILITY STATUS UPDATES

Andrea Botsford provided the facility updates on two District events that took place at the Mello Center and currently has events pending for approval. Botsford asked for clarification on mask mandates from the District and how to handle non-complying attendees in the future.

5.d FUTURE REPLACEMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN

Botsford stated that herself, Fernandez and Webb met to discuss replacements or enhancements needed at the Mello Center. Repairs that were outlined include house and aisle lighting and carpet replacement.

Hurst asked if the organization using the facility from school events provided any feedback regarding the facility such as seating, carpeting, and sound equipment. Botsford mentioned there were some challenges with the sound system and requests for equipment from event organizers.

Parker asked what the parameters are for when the District uses the Mello Center and if there is a financial impact when the District or the City uses the facility. Calubaquib clarified that when the City uses the facility, staff and operations costs are paid by the City. Botsford stated that District events are covered from the District's budget.

Parker requested that at the next meeting, a list of repairs and bids for the aisle and house lighting repairs be made available. Botsford clarified that Webb is currently evaluating the repairs and the cost and will share the information in the next meeting. Fernandez also stated that Webb has staff assigned to certain areas to conduct repairs and can verify if his staff can provide these repairs before they contract out for bid.

5.e OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT CHECK IN

Calubaquib shared that he met with Fernandez, Botsford and Webb to discuss proposed changes to the Mello center operational agreement that Botsford had forwarded to them. PVUSD members Fernandez, Webb and Botsford requested to hold a separate meeting to discuss proposed changes to the agreement. The group would provide the changes to the JPA for further discussion.

Parker requested a copy of the operational agreement and a summary of the District meeting. Parker also request for PVUSD staff to go over changes with Calubaquib and bring the results to the next JPA meeting.

Botsford would like to provide a budget for this upcoming year.

Hurst mentioned it would be helpful to the JPA to have a list of items that need repairs at the Mello Center for tracking progress.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Daniel Dodge Jr, Trustee Area IV-Chair

ATTEST:

Nicolas Calubaquib, Parks and Recreation Director