

Neighborhoods/K-12 Stakeholders Interview 6/10/2008

6:00 p.m. start, 7:30 p.m. end.

Land Use & Growth Alternatives

In attendance: Staff: Steve, Shawn, Meredith, and Bob, Mike Weisenborn, CUSD Facilities Planning Manager, Ken Ball, CUSD Principal, Oakdale, Sarah Simmons, CUSD Special Education

General Notes:

CUSD is not looking for the City to ask the developers to give the CUSD school sites. But do identify growth areas and their infrastructure improvements appropriately. Plan infrastructure so dollars are spent once, with the best bang for buck.

Sarah, currently discussing with CARD shared sites (Parks adjacent to schools).

Mike will provide CUSD projection and planning documents to staff.

See Notes on Maps and additional notes below...

Notes on Alternative A:

- **School site in NCSP is in conflict w/ CLUP. Need > 2 miles from airport. Also distances from pipelines, freeways, are constraints (State Law).**
- **Henshaw site meets criteria, and is their top priority site.**
- **There is a need in south and north Chico.**
- **Agree to consolidate growth, not spread out.**
- **Mike can provide demographic projections, school boundary area projections, migration to other schools from different households.**
- **CUSD is impacted for accepting new students in north Chico, existing schools are full at capacity, south Chico schools are below capacity.**
- **No Child Left Behind creates some of the problem, that program is affecting Rosedale, Citrus, and Chapman as CUSD tries to move students into those below-capacity schools.**
- **Decline in student enrollment may drive upward trend in enrollment.**
- **Charter schools could be moved to the below-capacity schools to increase enrollment in those school attendance areas.**
- **There will be a need for Jr. or High Schools too.**
- **Expect demand for on-line schools, so CUSD looks at different kind of facilities: e.g. Meriam Park where new technology infrastructure may be available. Lots of choices for education now, no longer one-game-in-town school sites (in technology parks). No longer ball fields and lunch room consideration spatially. long term planning, are the traditional elementary school sites to the same, but high school sites may accommodate the new ideas for technology sites. (Note that school sites on existing GP maps need to be reflected on Alternative Maps.) Ken: charter schools are looking at**

store front locations, so CUSD is looking to do the same. Forward thinking, not reactionary.

- **Want Chico to be a draw for residents, intangible aspects draw the people we're looking for.**
- **There is a toxic remediation area at Diamond Match**
- **Swartz area will need school.**
- **Possible elementary school sites in Diamond Match, Schuster and Southgate.**

Notes on Alternative B:

- **Possible add vocational schools out at Otterson Drive to grow our work force. Looking for policy to encourage school uses at these business locations. Mixed use categories should accommodate.**
- **Future new and a replacement school in northwest. Target projection of needs for 7 to re need for elementary school in southeast and southwest 10,000 new students.**
- **Constraints to school location also is the tank farm on Hegan Lane.**
- **CUSD's corporation yard (12 acres) at Hwy 99 near the fairgrounds is a very inappropriate location. Currently considering replacement locations and costs.**
- **Prefer Alternative's B and C.**
- **Swartz may have problem with constraints, Schuster may be best left alone, undeveloped.**
- **Mike knows that meadowfoam is located on west side of Bruce Road, as well as what has been documented on the east side.**

Notes on Alternative C:

- **Vanella Orchard and Chico Nut sites don't match the Avenues Neighborhood Plan**