

Meeting: July 26, 2016 – Regular Meeting, 5:00pm

Category: District Operations

Subject: Charter Schools Facility Committee Project Recommendations with Staff Input and Recommendations.

Description: Request for reconsideration of the January 26th vote to approve the Joint Occupancy Apartment Complex with the Monarch Development Group due to increased cost of the proposal to the School District and San Diego Taxpayers

In January, this board voted to approve a Term Sheet with the Monarch Development Group, to build an apartment complex in Scripps Ranch, on school land, that is currently occupied by the Innovations Academy charter school. Now we know, the proposal comes with increased costs. Increased costs to the district and to the San Diego taxpayers. There are more costs associated with the Term Sheet than you were initially lead to believe. Costs such as:

- Disrupting the surrounding neighborhood
- Shutting down the local Farmers Market
- Ignoring a charter school that wants a home in Scripps Ranch, yet is evicted to a dirt lot with portables.
- In 66 years, the district will own a 264-unit apartment complex, that occupies 98% of the land site, and will require additional funds to maintain or tear-down.
- The other 2% of the land site is commercial use, STEAM lab use, community garden use – what are the maintenance, security, repairs, service, busing students, equipment costs?
- What about the cost to taxpayers - to move the charter school?
- The 20 million is over 1/3 of the total charter school bond fund allocation.
- Some of the charter school students reside outside of the district boundary in the Poway district.
- Other charter schools have greater needs for maintenance and repairs; especially the charter schools south of Interstate 8.
- Spending 20 million only benefits 365 children. All living north of Interstate 8.

What taxpayer or voter will support any future ballot measures or school bond proposals - when they learned that the district evicted students off school property to tear down an existing school only to build an apartment complex in its place with questionable financial gain to the district and big financial gain to a developer - and using taxpayer money to do it?

We need smarter options. The community wants to work together with the district to find smarter solutions and proposals. You need to reverse this course action.

I respectfully request to this board

- MOTION TO RECONSIDER the vote that approved the Term Sheet with the Monarch Development Group.
- VOTE NO, on item H-15, for the unnecessary spending of \$20 million dollars of Prop Z charter school funds.

Return the district focus to the needs of students and their education.

Kids and neighborhoods First!