

Woodland City Council Minutes
Council Chambers
300 First Street
Woodland, California

December 9, 1997

The City Council met in special session with the Yuba College Board of Trustees. The meeting began with a 6:30 p.m. reception in the Second Floor Lobby of City Hall. The joint meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Borchard, Flory, Rominger

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Losoya, Ryhal

YUBA COLLEGE BOARD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Leathers, President; Gene Bellisario, Vice President; George Nicholau; Susan Nicoletti; Leela Rai, Larry Schapiro; Julie Struckmeyer

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Kristensen, Ruggiero, Barry

YUBA COLLEGE STAFF: Dr. Stephen Epler, Superintendent/President of Yuba College; Dr. Marian Shivers, Executive Dean of the Woodland Campus

Mayor Elaine Rominger and Yuba College Board President Dorothy Leathers jointly opened the meeting. Yuba College Board Members introduced themselves and explained the districts they represented. Council Members also introduced themselves. Mayor Rominger said she initiated the joint meeting to allow both bodies to share mutual interests.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDING PROCESS:

Doug Smith, Yuba College Vice President of Business Services, reported on the State Community College building process. He said the State mechanism for funding construction projects (\$250,000 and more) is capital outlay. Capital outlay is also the funding source for new and remodel projects for recognized campuses, and State capital outlay is currently funded by Statewide bonds. He said the current State bond capital outlay revenues are committed. The next bond opportunity will be November 1998, and the next possible funding for capital outlay "new starts" will be 1999-00. He said the criteria the State uses to identify projects for funding include: enrollment projections, existing campus space,

utilization of existing space, and impact of additional space on utilization. He explained restrictions on providing new facilities and programs.

POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES ON ATHLETIC FIELDS:

Tim Barry, City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director for the City of Woodland, discussed future possible joint ventures between Yuba College and the City. He said this past summer a proposal was developed to build two premiere soccer fields on the Yuba College Campus in Woodland, and there was a review of the feasibility of the project, the desirability of placing the field on the campus, and the costs involved. He said in November he reported to the Council that there were not enough positive signs at that time to go forth with the proposal, mainly because of cost. He suggested considering what conditions under which the City and the Yuba College School Board would be amenable to such projects. He said he envisions possibly baseball field(s), soccer field(s), a gymnasium or a swimming pool. He suggested that financial responsibility for such projects should be shared between the two agencies, and both agencies should feel they are getting some needed value for the dedication of resources that they would incur. He said both agencies and their constituents should have a real desire to accomplish the project and have perceived benefits. Lastly, he said the timing of the project should satisfy the goals of both agencies, including the timing of available funding. He then described joint projects involving Woodland Joint Unified School District and the City.

Yuba College Board Members and Council discussed the use of real estate at the Woodland Campus and the financing of joint projects. Mr. Barry said if facilities were constructed at the Woodland Campus, the College would have first priority on use of the facilities. Mayor Rominger said if Yuba College would like to offer some programs which are physical education in nature, College representatives should contact the City so that those types of facilities can be included in the plans.

Jesse Ortiz, Jr., instructor at Yuba College, speaking as a Woodland resident said he is hoping the College Board of Trustees would make such joint ventures a priority, especially since in May 1993 physical education is a requirement for an associate of arts degree.

Cirenio Rodriquez, part-time instructor at Yuba College and upcoming School Board Member of the Woodland Joint Unified School District, said the District has a long, rich experience of joint use of facilities with the City. He urged the Yuba College Board to also invite the Woodland Joint Unified School Board to participate in joint ventures and take advantage of the opportunities.

Michael Contreras, Member of the Yolo County Parks and Recreation Commission, also voiced support of joint facilities use.

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING SOUTHEAST AREA:

Janet Ruggiero, Community Development Director of the City of Woodland, reviewed the process for developing the Southeast portion of the City. She gave background on the 1996 Woodland General Plan and explained the distinction between the General Plan and the specific plan for the Southeast Area which includes the Yuba Campus site. The General Plan is a policy document which lays out long-range policies in many areas, including land use, circulation, open space, housing, and public facilities which includes school facilities. She said there is a large section of the General Plan dealing with joint facilities with Woodland Joint Unified School District as well as Yuba College. She said the specific plan takes the area that the City proposes to grow in, looks at a very specific area, and lays out the details for development. The main utility lines are laid out as well as school sites, open space, community services, housing types, commercial uses, churches, and other types of land uses. She said on December 2 the Council adopted the specific plan boundary in the Southeast Area. She said inclusion of the Yuba College site in the specific plan does not mean the City is going to tell the College how it is going to develop its site but ensures that surrounding uses are compatible with the Campus site. She said the City wants to work with the Yuba College Board and faculty to get input on the specific plan. Also a Technical Advisory Committee for the specific plan was established, and a representative from Yuba College is included on that Committee.

Mayor Rominger also pointed out that there is a standing committee with three Woodland Joint Unified School District Board Members and two City Council Members, called a "3 x 2", and if the need arises two City Council Members could meet with a couple of Yuba College Board Members on an on-call basis to go over issues and ideas.

PROGRESS OF WOODLAND YUBA COLLEGE CAMPUS:

Dr. Marian Shivers, Executive Dean of the Woodland Campus, reported on the progress of the Woodland Yuba College Campus since the October 1995 Community Round Table. She explained how the College is responding to community needs with its vocational programs and its accessibility and convenience to the community. She said the Woodland Campus has partnership involvement with the Community Partnership Agency, Woodland Hospital Surgery Center, Yolo County Farm Bureau, County Department of Social Services, Small Business Development Center and Business/Industry Community Agency Training.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Jean Winnop, City Clerk