

**CITY OF KUNA
CITY COUNCIL AND KUNA SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT MEETING**

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013 at 5:30 P.M.

Kuna City Hall Council Chamber, 763 W. Avalon Street, Kuna, Idaho

(Timestamp 00:00:00)

Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone at 5:35 p.m. explaining the meeting will be recorded but will be very informal. A copy of the recording will be made for the School District.

The following were present at the meeting:

Kuna City Mayor & Council:

Greg W. Nelson, Mayor
Richard Cardoza, Council President
Briana Buban-Vonder Haar, Council Member
Joe Stear, Council Member

City Staff:

Richard Roats, City Attorney
Gordon Law, City Engineer
Wendy Howell, P&Z Director
Bobby Withrow, Parks Supervisor
Brenda Bingham, City Clerk

Kuna School Board of Trustees:

Carl Ericson
Kevin Gifford
Jim Ford

Ginny Greger

Royleen Anderson

Superintendent & District Staff:

Wendy Johnson, Superintendent
Jay Hummell, Past Superintendent
Devan DeLashmutt, Asst. Superintendent & IT Coordinator
Layne Saxton, Projects Manager
Lora Seabaugh, Initial Point Principal
Karla Reynolds, High School Principal
Melanie DeLashmutt, HR Manager
Karlynn Laraway, Information Systems & Assessment Coordinator
Elizabeth Fisher, Transportation Supervisor
Mel Ricketts, Ground Supervisor

Others in attendance: Justin Dusseau, Chief of Police; Mark Barnes, Kuna Melba News Editor

1. Economic Development *(Timestamp 00:02:19)*

Economic Development Committee meets every third Thursday at 1 p.m. in a joint meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Brochures being distributed for attracting business.

A Ridley's grocery store and McDonalds is being developed on the southwest corner of Deer Flat and Meridian roads. Other new businesses are being considered for locating at the site. BiMart and Maverick have shown interest in coming.

A sign up list is available at City Hall for citizens to list businesses they would like to see come into the area.

A suggestion was made to include a member of the Kuna School District on the Economic Development Committee.

A suggestion was made to put a committee together for creating safe bike paths for access to the schools and downtown area.

Discussion took place on options for purchasing a building for city hall, either the current location that is being rented or the “Old Gym” complex. *(Timestamp 00:49:39)*

2. Drugs *(Timestamp 00:06:53)*

Mayor Nelson explained concerns with drugs at the Skate Park noting the illegal activity taking place there is more than most people realize. Chief Dusseau is actively working on the problems by heavily policing the area and making arrests to send the message that drugs will not be tolerated in Kuna. Closing the park is not an option at this time due to the recreation needs for the youth. Interest was expressed in installing lights and getting skating competitions started.

Council consideration will be given to eliminate smoking at the Skate Park and in the children’s area at the Bernie-Fisher Park.

The School District is also concerned about the using and dealing of drugs at school and is in the process of creating a new policy to address drug and alcohol issues.

The Mayor expressed interest in working out a way to install a swimming pool by partnering with YMCA and Boys & Girls Club. Ideas were discussed on a site for the pool and the many benefits it could provide for our youth and the community as a whole.

The School District is working on obtaining grants for after school activities for the students. *(Timestamp 00:35:01)*

3. Mental Health *(Timestamp 00:10:44)*

Mayor Nelson has approached Saint Alphonsus Medical Group about getting a mental health program in Kuna and has a meeting scheduled with them next week to see what they have to offer.

4. New Businesses *(Timestamp 00:32:00)*

(Already mentioned in Economic Development section.)

5. Housing Permits *(Timestamp 00:32:04)*

It was reported that 20 new permits have been issued in the last 30 days.

6. Water Year Irrigation Outlook

The Mayor reported as it looks right now the irrigation will be shut off the last week of August. If we receive several day of rain then the irrigation will be turned off to try to stretch the water allotment out as much as possible.

7. RR Trespass Grant *(Timestamp 00:38:48)*

The Mayor is interested in putting in for a RR Trespass Grant for \$5,000. He also reported on a program available for an annual fee of \$4,000 on helping entities write and apply for grants. Possibilities will be explored on partnering together with other grant seeking entities.

Layne Saxton reported on a piece of property (approximately 3 acres) at the bend of the creek near Indian Creek Elementary that has been fenced and maintained by the School District that could potentially be used for horticulture classes or a community garden. The property could also be connected to the green belt. *(Timestamp 00:45:29)*

8. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held September 10, 5:30 p.m. at the School District. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

W. Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda S. Bingham, City Clerk

*Minutes prepared by Brenda Bingham
Date Approved: CCM 7/2/13*

An audio recording of this meeting is available at City Hall upon request or it can be accessed at the City of Kuna website www.kunacity.id.gov.