

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAMOHI PARKING & TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
April 28, 2004

Attending: Chair: Greg Runyon, Andrew Agle, Christian Boyce, Barbara Filet, Bryce Maddock, Kathryn Morea, Jeanne Wells

Guests: Inese Verzemnieks, Delphine LaFont, P & V Orth

1. Discussed producing a survey to determine how students are presently getting to school. It should be conducted through ASB. Greg will coordinate and look into the possibility of using Scantron sheets. Inese and Bryce will work on it. Jeanne will check with Marolyn Freedman to see if there is any money in the District's safe schools fund to cover survey costs.
2. Explore Civic Center parking at discounted student rate while simultaneously protecting nearby residential streets.  
Andy Agle had a brief but productive discussion with City staff regarding the possibility of student use of excess spaces at the Civic Center. There is a possibility of some use for the fall semester only. Beginning in January 2005, some Culver City Courts may be using the Civic Center and the building of the next parking structure will commence.

From September to December there are a total number of 83 days, Mondays through Fridays. Looking at the time frame of 7:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m., 6 of the 83 days are not available at all. For the remaining 77 days, 50 spaces may be available. Of those 77 days, 41 days may provide an additional 50 spaces. For 36 of those days, 150 spaces may be available.

Andy discussed the parking charges necessary for the City to break even. The regular parking fee is \$8/day. A figure of \$3/day was considered. Questions arose as to whether the City Council would actually be subsidizing the fee difference and from where would those funds be taken. Would the City be encouraging driving to school and more care use.

We would have to consider providing student identification such as stickers on the cars or I.D. card.

Priority for special needs were discussed such as students who work, participate in sports or other after-school activities, distance from school etc. ASB should be "driving" this process.

Andy informed the committee of beach lot parking passes, which are currently available for \$22/month; \$88/half year; \$130/year.

The Blue Bus has outreach funding and the Board may want to recommend to the City that they target SAMOHI with those funds. This year the funds were used for Olympic and its student poetry performances.

Continued discussion on restriping the north parking lot to allow for more spaces took place and having Blue Bus passes available on the school site.

3. Drop-offs & pick-ups (ingress/egress) and how to mitigate neighborhood hardships.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the impact on neighboring streets such as Bay, Seventh, and Michigan. Residents feel the number of cars and traffic problems have greatly increased perhaps because of signal light timing on Lincoln, students being dropped off right at the gate at Seventh and Michigan as opposed to pulling further down the block causing tremendous traffic back up.

Suggestions were made to add additional drop-off spots on Olympic Way. Greg explained that he worked hours with both the City and Santa Monica Police Department to come up with the additional spots that now exist. He is doubtful they can do more. Residents suggested other solutions that would have to go through CalTrans and not the City or School District.

Parents need to continually be educated as to the best practices of dropping off and picking up. Reminder: New families are constantly joining SAMOHI with no prior history of traffic problems.

Greg will discuss with the Superintendent exactly what is within the scope of the Task Force and the boundaries of the School District when discussing changes.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 (CONFIRMED)  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Board Conference Room

AGENDA: See attachment