

Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum of Understanding between the City and San Diego Unified School District for Development and Maintenance of Joint Use Facilities

Amendment of Council Policy 700-35, “Development of the City’s Joint Use Program with School Districts”

Item 102

Park and Recreation Board

Agenda of September 16, 2021

Joint Use Program with School Districts

- Maximizes shared use of public facilities and resources
- Exclusive school use during school hours and public use when school is not in session
- Joint-use partnerships with schools fill an essential gap in addressing the City's need for more park land and additional recreational opportunities in our communities.



Joint Use Program with School Districts

- Del Mar Union School District
- Poway Unified School District
- San Diego Community College District
- San Diego Unified School District
- San Dieguito Union High School District
- San Ysidro Union School District
- Solana Beach School District
- South Bay Union School District



San Diego Unified School District

- Key partner since 1948
- One of the largest joint use programs in the country
- Currently 87 SDUSD joint use facilities
- Play All Day Program will add more joint use recreational facilities over the next 5-10 years with construction funding from Props S and Y and Measure ZZ
- MOU last updated in 2002



2002 City-District MOU

- City and SDUSD have each made significant financial contributions over \$275M for land, development and maintenance
- As the primary landowner and capital funding source, SDUSD has outpaced the City for overall financial contributions to the joint use program



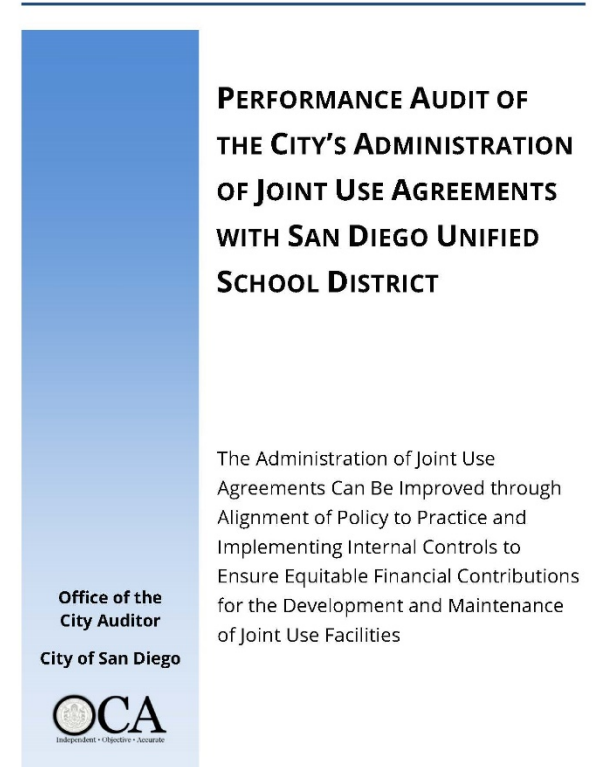
2002 City-District MOU

- Contained financial “parity” terms that were complex, costly, and problematic to implement
- Parity calculations:
 - Looked at contributions within each agreement but did not consider overall contributions from the City and SDUSD
 - Did not capture the parties’ desire to establish a mutually beneficial arrangement that provides for the shared use of public land and facilities to best maximize public use



Audit Recommendations


- #1a Revise the Memorandum of Understanding (address flawed parity concept)
- #1e Determine whether any amounts are owed between the agencies
- #4 Revise City Council Policy 700-35



**PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF
THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION
OF JOINT USE AGREEMENTS
WITH SAN DIEGO UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Administration of Joint Use Agreements Can Be Improved through Alignment of Policy to Practice and Implementing Internal Controls to Ensure Equitable Financial Contributions for the Development and Maintenance of Joint Use Facilities

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Independent • Objective • Accurate

April 2019

Draft MOU

- Clarifies roles of City and SDUSD in developing and administering joint use
- Indicates that both parties are satisfied with the contributions of the other party
- Deletes parity concept
- Forgives any monies that may be owed by either party under the terms of the 2002 MOU



Council Policy 700-35

- Establishes guidelines for the development and operation of the City's joint use program with school districts, including:
 - Strategic vision
 - Objectives
 - Authority
 - Responsibility
 - Accountability
- Focuses new joint use proposals to bring more recreational opportunity to communities that lack park access
- Assigns P&R the role to bring annual updates to the PS&LN Committee to discuss the state of the joint use program



Fiscal Considerations

- This action does not authorize expenditure of funds for operations, maintenance, construction, or land acquisition.
- Each joint use agreement determines the role of the City and school district for these elements, and the fiscal impact to the City is identified in each joint use agreement brought to the City Council for its consideration.

Staff Recommendations

- Approve the draft MOU with SDUSD
- Approve draft revision to CP 700-35

