

THE LAND USE COMMITTEE HBCSD & the City of Hermosa Beach 1975 - 1977

Land Use Committee: The Memorandum of Understanding that was sent with the Resolution of Intention to Sell ... and Prescribing the Terms Thereof to the city on June 14, 1977 seems to have been a product of several months of negotiations between the school district and the city through the meetings of a **Land Use Committee** in 1977. In other words, the City of Hermosa Beach had a voice in the requirements and future district use of classrooms described in the MOU before they formally agreed to it at their City Council meeting of June 14, 1977.

Additional Information:

According to the [minutes of the June 13, 1977 school district meeting](#), "Land Use Committee recommended memorandum of agreement with City regarding proposed sale of Pier Avenue School." ([TL-1977Jun13 HBCSD meeting mins](#))

The Land Use Committee was described in the [December 15, 1975 school district meeting minutes](#): "The board was informed of certain issues in the escrow instructions for the property which the board plans to sell to the city. These issues will be discussed at the next City-District Land Use Committee meeting." ([TL-1977Dec15 HBCSD meeting mins](#))

It appears that the school district and city were involved in collaborating on the escrow instructions and the Memorandum of Understanding before it was sent to the HB City Council. If this is the case, then it further refutes HBCSD attorney Terry Tao's insinuation that the MOU was simply an HBCSD construct of wants and wishes that the city did not agree to. See: [May 31, 2016 School District and City Joint Meeting presentation by Terry Tao, Time Stamp 02:08:47](#).

It has been suggested by some (see Carol Reznichuk's statement during the public comment period for this presentation, 00:29:23 time stamp) that the City of Hermosa Beach almost pulled out of the Agreement at the last minute during the negotiations for the Sale of Pier Avenue School inferring that the City didn't agree to the district's terms. On the contrary, it seems that it was the school district who almost pulled out of the Agreement to sell Pier Avenue School to the City of Hermosa Beach because many community members were afraid that HBCSD would lose an important asset to the school district and students. See: [HB board comes to terms on Pier Avenue purchase, Easy Reader News, January 12, 1978](#). ([1978Jan 12 article HB board comes to terms](#))

In a letter to the editor, former City Council member during the negotiations for the Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Pier Avenue School, George Barks, confirmed that the City of Hermosa Beach "absolutely guaranteed that the students could return to use the school if needed in the future". See: [Reopening Pier Avenue School, by George Barks, The Beach Reporter, April 5, 2018](#). ([TL-2018Apr5 LTTE George Barks](#))

In addition, the day after sending the HBCSD Resolution of Intention to Sell and Prescribing the Terms Thereof, Exhibit G, with the attached Memorandum of Understanding specifying the district's lease of classrooms, office and storage space at the Community Center to the city, the Hermosa Beach City Council members immediately proceeded to execute the MOU by taking out an escrow for Pier Avenue School following the steps outlined in the MOU. There seems to have been no discussion or debate over the provisions of the MOU, therefore it

seems that the City Council members were well aware of the provisions that were defined in the MOU and to what they would be agreeing to when they decided to accept the MOU at their meeting of [June 14, 1977](#). (TL-1977Jun14 CC meeting mins)