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False information on "Yes on Measure Q" Facebook page

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Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 12:08 PM

Pat,

From "Yes on Measure Q" Facebook Page Posted 10/10/14:

"The HB Community Center is not a school although it once was before being sold to the City of HB. It is owned by the City and is not for sale or lease at this time. **The HB School Board requested that this option be vetted during the exploration and researching process.** There was an inquiry with the City as well as the State of CA School Construction organization, including an inspection by the state agency which determined several issues with the Pier location if it were to even be considered for a school site (security/safety/lunchroom needed, etc.).

A lease (if the City were so inclined) would require a minimum of a 40 year lease agreement and the site currently does not meet state codes/regulations for the attendance of school children and thus would require very substantial investments. The HB School District already owns North School as a school site. **After the extensive review process, leveraging North school was recommended by an independent committee of Hermosa Beach residents as our best and necessary course of action to address our current facilities challenges and long range planning efforts."**

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1: The mandate of the FPAC was to investigate the North School ONLY, and I attended the actual meetings in which you directed the FPAC to stop their investigation and requests for information from the State for more evaluation of the the Community Center/Pier Ave School because the Board did not want to pursue it any further.

2: Since it is documented that the FPAC did not evaluate nor make recommendations on Community Center/Pier Avenue School, please provide the names of the Hermosa Beach residents who made up the independent committee who reviewed the Community Center/Pier Avenue School as an option that was vetted during this process, as well as the request from the Board to initiate this specific line of investigation. When and where where these meetings held? Please provide the agendas of those meetings and the reports including the rationale by this committee which recommend no further investigation of the Community Center/Pier Avenue School as an option to explore to resolve overcrowding.

3: Please provide documentation of the inquiry/request to the City of Hermosa Beach for use the Community Center/Pier Ave School and the results of that inquiry. In addition, please provide evidence that the Board pursued the terms of sale of Pier Avenue School to the City, which gives the District the right to invalidate the sale if the agreements were broken (which were broken if the City said "No" to a request to use the property for district use).

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4: The OPSC Report clearly states that the Community Center/Pier Avenue School is eligible for modernization funds if leased from the City for a term of 30 or 40 years.

5: If there was an additional state on site evaluation of Community Center/Pier Avenue School was done, when was the walk through done and what is the name of the person who conducted it? Please provide a copy of the resulting report on the walk through.

6: We have a email from Michael DiVirgilio dated 9/24/14 stating that: "...there are no prohibitions that would prevent us from entertaining requests about the Community Center from the District" and that "neither the City nor the District are interested in considering the Community Center. Consequently, absent a directive from City Council, the City Attorney will not be studying this issue further."

7: Title 5 California Code of Regulations states that there are acceptable "mitigations of traffic hazards and a plan for the safe arrival and departure of students" as well as "At the request of the governing board of a school district, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant exemptions to any of at the standards in this section if the district can demonstrate that mitigation of specific circumstances overrides a standard without compromising a safe and supportive school environment" (Article 2 School Sites: SS 14010 u)

Consider this email a formal request to provide documentation to substantiate the claims made in the 10/10/14 post referenced above. If you cannot provide this information, we demand the post be taken down immediately. We will have no choice but to report this to all local news outlets if it is not done immediately and with apologies to Hermosa residents for the inaccurate and unsubstantiated statements.

Thank you,
Marie Rice
Committee to Restore Hermosa Schools

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