

Laney...-DAS-...

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A's Stadium

Let's Play Ball...Here?

Before the September 12th Board of Trustees meeting Dave Kaval, President/Face of the A's, sent a letter of interest to Chancellor Laguerre confirming that the A's would like to develop their new stadium on Peralta District land—specifically the District Offices—and that there are a lot of developers interested in the area...

Following the formal letter of interest, there will be a response from the District at the next Board meeting (this will be a “yes, let's talk”) as the legal “I's” are dotted and “T's” are crossed and what have been the backdoor and informal discussions now become, hopefully, more open and transparent as we're now at the beginning of the dance that will be the next 8-9+months of maneuvering between the District, the A's and other developers, the local community, and Laney (yes, I would list those all separately presently).

Step 1 for faculty:
Demanding an active and consistent place at the table.

Peralta Tip

How does the District buy stuff? Go here:
<http://web.peralta.edu/purchasing/>

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees first meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday, September 12th was lively:

- 1) More than a dozen students, faculty, and community members spoke against the A's stadium being built on Peralta land in front of an audience that numbered more than 80.
- 2) DAS President Cleavon Smith entered the DAS Resolution regarding Revising AP6250 (Budget Management) into the District minutes. This calls upon the District to include faculty in all aspects of Budget Management.
- 3) The District removed from consideration a no-bid \$120,000 contract with American Defense International (ADI) for lobbying services after bad PR. [For those wondering where this came from the District had an unsuccessful contract with ADI in 2002-2003 and the Chair of ADI has been a campaign donor to one of our Board of Trustees in the recent past (Bill Riley).]
- 4) The District delayed a c. \$500,000 call for proposals for classroom furniture upgrades for Laney classrooms until the next meeting. Upon further questioning this was due to delays in submission of materials by DGS.
- 5) The 2017-2018 District final budget was approved 6-0-1 (Karen Weinstein abstained) without any public discussion or questions.

This Week at the District

DAS

Tuesday, 9/19
2:30pm-4:30pm
District Academic Senate
<http://web.peralta.edu/das/> (out of date)

PBC

Friday, 9/22
9:00am-11:00am
Planning and Budgeting Council
<http://web.peralta.edu/pbi/planning-and-budget-committee/>

PGC

Friday, 9/22
11:30am-1:30pm
A new Participatory Governance Council
<http://web.peralta.edu/pbi/participatory-governance-council/>