

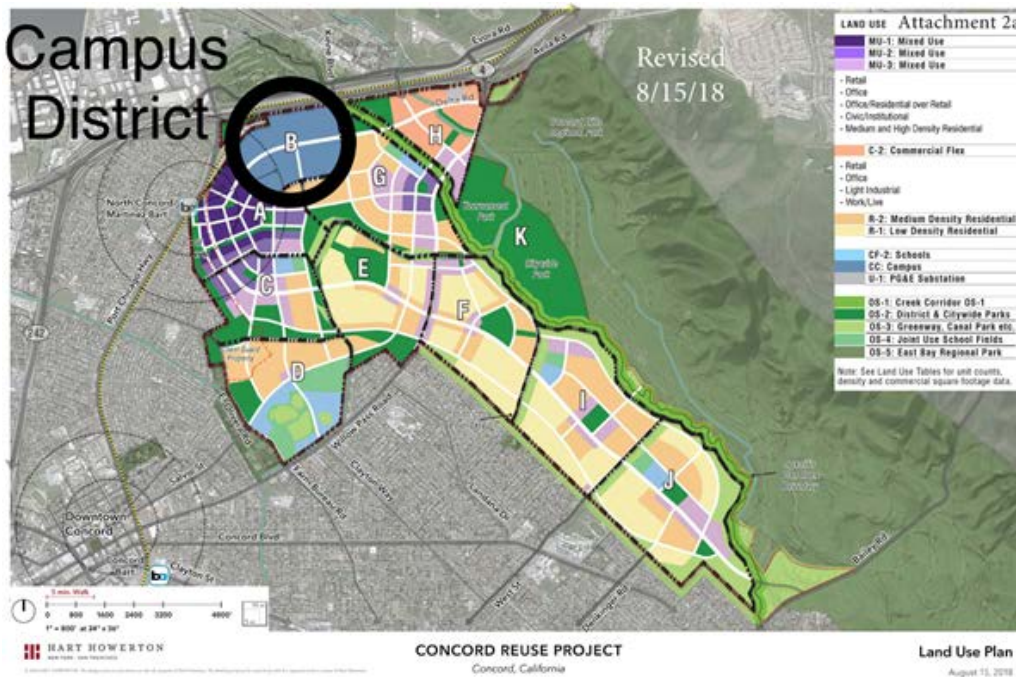


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Concord City Council Establishes Blue Ribbon Committee for Campus District Visioning Project

Institution of higher learning desired for development of former naval base



Concord, Calif. (Sept. 10, 2018) –The Concord City Council has launched its Campus District Visioning Project to evaluate development options for 120 acres that will be set aside at the former Concord Naval Weapons Station as part of the Base Reuse Project. Consistent with the Council-adopted 2012 Area Plan, this land is intended to support a campus “capable of accommodating a variety of education, research and

cultural uses such as a university or research and development center.”

To assist with determining how best to leverage the Campus District for the benefit of not only Concord, but the region as a whole, the City Council appointed 14 members to a Blue Ribbon Committee. These individuals represent a broad cross section of regional expertise in the areas of education, workforce development, campus operations, economic development and major industries in the Bay Area. They include:

- Susan Bonilla – Retired Assembly Member; California Director, Council for a Strong America

- Greg Feere – Retired CEO, Building Trades Council
- Dr. Glenda Humiston – Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources, UC Office of the President
- Randell Iwasaki – Executive Director, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Sharon Jenkins – Director of Corporate Health & Employer Broker Relations, John Muir Health
- Buck Koonce – Senior Advisor to the Laboratory Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Bob Linscheid – Special Advisor to the President of California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo for Economic Development
- Satinder Malhi – Associate Director of Government and Community Relations, CSU East Bay
- Dr. Nellie Meyer – Superintendent, Mount Diablo Unified School District
- Dr. Peter Wilson – former Dean, CSU East Bay, Concord Campus
- Dr. Fred Wood – Chancellor, Contra Costa Community College District
- Jim Wunderman – President & CEO, Bay Area Council

The City Council also appointed Vice Mayor Carlyn Obringer and Councilmember Ron Leone, both of whom have helped spearhead this project from its inception. On September 25, 2018, the Council will consider adding one final member, Edward Del Beccaro, Senior Managing Director of Transwestern for East Bay and Silicon Valley offices.

“This Committee will play a critical role in evaluating campus trends in higher public education, research and development parks, and innovation districts as well as funding and financing mechanisms,” said Vice Mayor Obringer. “The City is fortunate to have so many experienced thought leaders who are willing to volunteer their time to this effort and who are committed to bringing a much needed campus for higher learning to our community.”

The Committee will issue a final report for Council consideration that will include a statement of guiding principles and programmatic priorities for the Campus District, outline potential investors and financing, and map out next steps to achieve the vision contained within the report.

The Committee is anticipated to meet monthly through April 2019. Its first meeting is Thursday, Sept. 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle. All meetings are open to the public and will be facilitated in a workshop setting by MIG, a firm which specializes in urban design, strategic planning and community facilitation.

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