Cubberley Policy Advisory Committee
City Manager and PAUSD Superintendent Community Advisory Committee

Guiding Principles
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The Cubberley Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) consists of two Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) Board members appointed by the School Board President and three City Council members appointed by the Mayor. The PAC shall be the primary advisor to the Council and the School Board on issues related to the lease and possible re-use or joint use of the Cubberley campus.

The Cubberley Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is jointly appointed by the City Manager and Superintendent, and shall represent a cross section of Cubberley, neighborhoods, schools and citywide representatives. The CAC shall review Cubberley background and history and provide the PAC with community input including but not limited to possible re-use scenarios, alternative lease arrangements, site plan configurations, possible funding plans, identification of joint use opportunities and compatible standards.

1. The City and PAUSD recognize that our citizens have substantial investments, both emotional and financial in the Cubberley Campus, and shall work to reach decisions for the benefit of our entire community.

2. The Committees shall maintain open and transparent processes at all times, and members of the public shall be invited to all meetings. The CAC shall complete a final report. PAC and CAC meetings shall be audio-recorded with minutes completed for the PAC, and notes completed for the CAC. (Costs of minutes shall be cost-shared by the City and PAUSD).

3. Documents, architectural drawings and other written communication provided to the Committees shall be made available to the general public as soon as possible.

4. The City and PAUSD recognize that Cubberley is a major cultural, educational, recreational and non-profit resource, very important to the community’s health and vitality.

5. Acknowledging that each entity has different regulations and governing legislation, the City and PAUSD shall seek to work cooperatively to explore all practical joint-uses of the Cubberley campus for both educational and community services.

6. The City and PAUSD have ownership interests in portions of the campus: PAUSD owns 27 acres and the City owns 8 acres. The parties may consider relocation of
their ownership interests within the site to facilitate optimal site layout and efficiency.

7. The City Manager and PAUSD Superintendent shall jointly prepare a project budget for 2012/13, with costs shared equally between the City and PAUSD.

8. While the Policy Advisory Committee planning shall occur as cooperatively as possible, the City Council representatives and the PAUSD Board Members shall retain independent recommending authority should consensus not be reached.

9. Maintaining the quality of PAUSD schools is a significant community value, and planning for a growing population is essential to maintaining educational excellence and the overall health and well-being of our community.

10. Cubberley programs enrich the community and criteria shall be developed to prioritize and/or retain existing uses as well as assess prospective new uses.

11. The City and PAUSD recognize that joint-use could result in stronger educational and cultural programs provided more efficiently.

12. The City Council and PAUSD representatives on the Policy Advisory Committee shall report, not less often than every other month, to their respective bodies on Cubberley planning activities.

13. The City and PAUSD shall work to continue community access to Cubberley to the extent possible. Recreation facilities provided at the Cubberley campus produce important services benefitting the community at large.

14. The residential neighborhoods surrounding Cubberley shall be considered in determining the compatibility of possible changes on the Cubberley campus.

15. Transportation issues and access to and within Cubberley shall be considered in determining possible options including improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

16. All recommendations shall be mindful of the dynamic short-, mid-, and long-term forces impacting the PAUSD and City.