



## City on a Hill Charter Public School

### Minutes

#### March 2022 Development Committee Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Friday March 4, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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This meeting took place remotely pursuant to An Act Extending certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency signed into law by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021.

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##### **Committee Members Present**

Jack Gearan (remote), Jessica Yang (remote), Jordan Lopez, Massiel Eversley (remote)

##### **Committee Members Absent**

Gary Morton

##### **Guests Present**

Ginger Parker (remote), Stefani Caliri (remote)

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

##### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Jack Gearan called a meeting of the Development Committee of City on a Hill Charter Public School to order on Friday Mar 4, 2022 at 12:02 PM.

##### **C.**

### **Approve February 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Jack Gearan made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2022. February 2022 Development Committee Meeting on 02-10-22.

Jessica Yang seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Jessica Yang     Aye

Jack Gearan     Aye

Massiel Eversley Aye

Gary Morton     Absent

Jordan Lopez    Absent

## **II. Development and Gala Planning**

### **A. Development and Gala Planning**

Jack Gearan, Chair, announced that due to unavoidable conflicts, members of School management were not able to attend this meeting and, as such, it was being recorded to ensure proper minutes of the meeting could be taken and submitted under Open Meeting Law.

Gearan then reminded attendees of the School Board's previous conversations related to dissolving the Development Committee following the completed transition of the body of work moving from the School to the City on a Hill Foundation as made possible by their hiring of a full time Director of Development, Stefanie Caliri.

Jessica Yang, Committee Member and Governance Chair, further shared that communication and collaboration on fundraising would continue between the Boards, primarily facilitated by the new Director of Development, and that School Board members could also join Foundation meetings as invited to provide feedback. Yang then asked members of the Foundation to share what support from the School Board would be helpful from their perspective.

Ginger Parker, President of the City on a Hill Foundation, shared that the Foundation is unlikely to pursue the traditional City on a Hill Gala given current capacity and shifting trends in philanthropy, but are considering several smaller events and initiatives throughout the spring and summer. Additionally, she shared that the Foundation has contracted with a consultant to work with the Foundation to create a strategic plan for development initiatives.

Caliri reiterated Parker's commitment to getting City on a Hill back on the radar of donors through, and shared that she is continuing to meet with stakeholders and and previous City on a Hill development staff to hear ideas and former initiatives that could be revisited or updated. Gearan expressed his interest in continuing to support the development work.

Yang inquired if one of the initiatives being revisited this year was fundraising for the School's Mission Scholarship, which is provided to 1-3 students annually to assist in closing the gap between financial aid and their college choice. Parker agreed that was a good example of the kind of work the Foundation would be pursuing this year, as it is most directly tied to the needs of students. Caliri shared that she would speak to members of School management about the scholarship.

### **III. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Gearan

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#### **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*