



MEASURE D CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

November 9, 2005

Minutes

The meeting of the Measure D Citizen's Oversight Committee was held at the Sesnon House, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA on Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

Present: Kris Reyes, Jack Baskin, Rodney Brooks, Harriet Duzet, Nicole Moreno

Absent: Luis Tuosto, Tila Guerrero

Guest: David Casnocha, Bond Counsel

Cabrillo College staff members in attendance: Pegi Ard, Dave Rowan, Doug Deaver

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 by Kris Reyes.

I. Introduction of New Members

Nicole Moreno was introduced to the committee as the new student representative.

II. Agenda Modifications

It was agreed to postpone campus tour due to inclement weather.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 4, 2005 were unanimously approved (Brooks/Duzet) with the correction that Lou Tuosto adjourned the meeting.

IV. Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee

David Casnocha reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the committee. The Citizens' Oversight Committee is an advisory committee to Board of Trustees. The three main charges of the oversight committee are to:

1. Review the expenditures of Measure D funds and to insure that the bond proceeds are spent on the voter approved projects, and that the funds are not used to cover instructor or administrative salaries;
2. Inform the public regarding the committee review of the bond expenditures; and
3. Publish an annual report that summarizes Measure D fund expenditures.

David emphasized that the charge of the committee is to review only Measure D bond expenditures; many projects currently in progress on campus have other cash sources in addition to Measure D funds, such as Measure C bond funds, State funds, and Redevelopment funds.

The Attorney General has released an interpretive opinion which allows for the use of bond funds to cover salaries for District employees whose work is directly related to the

use of capital construction projects, such as that for Dave Rowan, Director of Facilities and Development. Other districts have elected to use these bond proceeds to cover these salaries; however, Cabrillo has not elected to use bond funds to cover such salaries.

The committee has published an Annual report. The committee is fulfilling its responsibilities in a timely way.

Kris asked what are the committee's responsibilities if some projects don't get built given the astronomical construction cost increases, challenging bid results. David replied that the project list that was on the ballot does not constitute an obligation to finish every project under consideration. However, Pegi stated that Cabrillo is committed to the Allied Health project, the Arts Education Classrooms, the Student Services facility, classroom renovation and has set aside some funds to purchase the library next to the Watsonville center, and for classroom options in Scotts Valley.

Kris questioned whether funds can be used to build projects not listed in the campaign, acknowledging that the college is not contractually obligated to build everything that was on this list. Pegi replied that if the master plan is revised, then other projects can be built. David stated that the language in the ballot said that in the event of unexpected decline in enrollment, project priorities are subject to change.

David asked the committee if their access to information about capital construction projects meets their expectation. The committee said yes.

V. Arts Education Complex bid results

Bids were received in June. The site work prep has been awarded and is progressing well. Much of the other work was re-bid because bids were dramatically over budget. The bid results from October 26 were still over budget but within available funding sources. The construction market is off the charts with many districts having to cancel construction projects to due construction costs higher than available funding. Although a challenge, bids were received from local contractors and reputable firms. Any further delay in the project would only increase costs. The AEC project is partially state funded.

Dave distributed the financials for Measure D projects to committee members for review.

VI. Facilities Master Plan Project Status

Dave distributed the Facilities Master Plan Project Status to the committee for review. On November 7, 2005, the Governing Board approved an augmentation of \$18.4 million for AEC. All other projects are still within the contingency budget.

Artificial turf was installed for the first game this season. The team and the athletic department are extremely pleased with the quality of the new field.

VII. Agenda Building for the Feb 7, 2006 Meeting

The agenda for the Feb 7, 2006 meeting will include a campus tour, weather permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 by Kris Reyes.