



MEASURE D CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

April 22, 2010

Minutes

The meeting of the Measure D Citizen's Oversight Committee was held at, 6500 Soquel Drive, room 804, Aptos, CA on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Present: Michael Bethke, Diane Craddock, Bob Petersen, Bob Dills, Bud Winslow

Absent: John Fry, Jeff Vella

Staff: Doug Deaver, Rob Ingram, Victoria Lewis, Joe Nugent

Bob Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:05.

- I. Introductions: The committee introduced themselves.
- II. Agenda Modifications: None.
- III. Comments from the Public: None.
- IV. Minutes:
The minutes of January 21, 2010 were approved (Winslow/Dills) with one abstention.
- V. 2009-10 Annual Report and 2009-10 Bond Audit:
Doug discussed the committee's concern of publishing the annual report before the audit is issued. Staff would like to propose that the annual report would continue to be issued for the period ending June 30, 2010 but will be presented to the Board in January. That way, the committee will have an opportunity to see the 2009 audit prior to publishing the annual report. Doug noted that the current committee members will not all be on the committee in January. Bob Dills noted that the risk is outweighed by the benefits.

It was agreed that the 2009-10 Citizens Oversight Committee annual report would be presented at the January 2011 Board meeting with the 2009-10 bond audit. If the new committee members have any questions or concerns, Bob Petersen is willing to attend a meeting to discuss the reports and/or staff could fill in any gaps. Bud asked if the bond funds were nearly all spent. Doug noted that yes, most funds have been spent or are allocated at this time.

The committee meeting schedule was discussed. Michael Bethke asked if the committee would continue to meet after claims are resolved or whether it would disband. Doug replied that the committee will likely continue to meet until 2013 given that the Green Technology Center, funded by Measure D, is scheduled for completion in 2012, and that secondary effects would likely continue until then as well. Bob Dills suggested that semi-annual meetings may be more than adequate for committee once claims are resolved. Staff noted that it is important that the committee continue to be informed as issues arise.

VI. New member recruitment

The formal recruitment process will begin mid-June with a public notice and application process. Michael Bethke expressed an interest in serving a second term. Bob Dills completed the term of the At Large member Helen Palmer who stepped down last year and is eligible to serve two additional terms. Bob expressed his interest in continuing in his position. Victoria will confirm whether John Fry is interested in serving a second term.

VII. State Approval Process: Efficiencies under Consideration

Doug introduced Joe Nugent to the committee as the staff person who will continue to be involved with facilities development and the state approval process after Doug's retirement this fall. The Chancellor's office conducted a survey among community colleges regarding going through local planning departments continuing with the DSA process. Most responses were not in support of going through local planning departments. Bob Dills asked why. Doug replied that there was concern about the political process of the local agency, the possibility of public hearings on projects. Rob Ingram noted that there is a relationship between the District and the county planning department; for example, the county Public Works representative has been to Cabrillo several times. Joe stated that there would be more focus on engineering firms taking on the plan review process and noted that it is unclear if counties are set up to do that. Joe also noted that he worked as a DSA inspector but was paid by a District and was directed by the state; given this, there could appear to be a conflict of interest.

Committee members expressed an interest in continuing to receive updates on the state approval process and how they can work toward efficiencies for future projects. Victoria will follow up with Fred Harris at the Chancellor's Office, the state Facilities Task Force and at the ACBO conference next month.

VIII. Project Status Updates:

Doug distributed a sheet summarizing the remaining bond funds available. The Zolman claim on the Arts Education Complex was settled last night. Another mediation is scheduled in August; staff will have a better understanding of available funds for future projects after that claim is resolved. When the second mediation is completed and, on the advice of counsel, appropriate info on settlements will be disclosed.

Doug reviewed Facilities Master Plan (FMP) semi-annual report that was submitted to the Board in March, 2010.

- Arts Education Complex (AEC): Water leaks and acoustical issues still to be resolved.
- Allied Health Classrooms: Classes to start in the summer; the facility will be toured after this meeting. Allied Health project is under budget by \$1M. Furniture and equipment is on order. There will be a Media day in May, and the formal Grand Opening will take place in September. Michael Bethke noted that the Rotary Club sponsored scholarships and would like to see the new facility.
- Green Technology Center (GTC): The Green Technology Center will be bid this summer. Fire/life/safety has already been approved; the project will achieve LEED platinum certification.
- Scotts Valley Center: No plans to change the site at this time.
- Secondary effects: Small projects are in progress at this time; no major projects will begin until claims are settled.
- Building 300 Renovation: Has been gutted, metal studs are in, electrical work, schedule to complete in November and classes to begin in spring 2011. There will be twelve classrooms and some offices. Bob Dills asked what portion of that project is Measure D. \$3 million. The budget will be revised based on the state reverting money due to the fact the bids were lower than budget.

Michael mentioned that Pegi Ard had discussed the possibility of having a meeting of Oversight Committees from several community colleges discuss the challenges and problems of constructing bond projects. Victoria suggested that this might work best through the Chancellor's Office Facilities Subcommittee. Michael stated that he and John Fry would like to stay involved in this process.

Bud Winslow asked whether there is an exemption for seniors from a parcel tax, like the recent one passed by Santa Cruz City Schools. Once a parcel tax is passed, seniors can apply for an exemption. Cabrillo College does not receive any parcel tax funding; Measure D is a local bond. Bob Petersen noted that it is probably not in the statute. Legislation is being introduced to notify seniors that they may apply for exemption. Most school parcel taxes exempt seniors.

Next meeting: July 22 at 10:00 am. The committee toured the Allied Health Buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.