



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING – April 20 2011
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 in Drescher Hall Room 300-E (the Loft) at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 8:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Bruce Sultan, Chair – Present
Paul Leoni, Vice-Chair – Present
Deborah Arvesen – Not Present
Clarence Chapman – Present
Todd Flora – Present
Tiffany Inabu – Present
Corin Kahn – Present
Nimish Patel – Present
Christine Thornton – Present

Others Present:

Greg Brown, Director of Facilities and Planning
Don Girard, Senior Director, Government Relations/Institutional Communications
Bob Isomoto, Vice-President, Business/Administration
Lee Paul, LPI Inc.
Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator
Chui L. Tsang, Superintendent/President
Lisalee Anne Wells, Bond Counsel, Fulbright and Jaworski, LLP
Charlie Yen, Director, Contracts

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2011

Motion was made by Todd Flora and seconded by Clarence Chapman to approve the minutes of January 19, 2011.

Unanimously approved

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. REPORTS and DISCUSSION

Articles on Los Angeles Community College District Bond Construction Program

In response to recent press on the Los Angeles Community College District Bond Construction Program, a comparison of the bond programs managed by the LACCD and SMCCD was presented (see attached document). In response to a question about liability, it was clarified that the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee has no liability because it does not make decisions, it is an advisory body. In addition, members are covered under the District's Errors and Omissions policy.

The Role of Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Lisalee Anne Wells, Bond Counsel with Fulbright and Jaworski, LLP, presented an overview of the bond program and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee that included how bonds are paid by taxpayers, the historical framework, campaign promises, and how the bonds are segregated and spent. The presentation also included the requirements for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, such as compliance with the Brown Act, annual reporting, responsibilities, purpose and support provided by the District.

Reports Submitted

Measure U

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Measure S

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Measure AA

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Bond Sales/Expenses Report

Highlights of the Reports:

- The District received a payment from FEMA in the amount of \$834,763 for the Earthquake Replacement Liberal Arts North (Measure U Project I)
- The District received a rebate in the amount of \$217,323 for Energy Efficiency Projects (Measure S Project 7)
- The major expenses in Measure AA are for architects and property acquisition. The District is purchasing property on Pico Blvd. and 16th (next to the WISE building). The property will be used as swing space during construction. The long-term use of the property has not been determined.
- Malibu Property: The lease agreement for the property at the Malibu Civic Center will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors within two months. Once the lease is approved, improvements to the Malibu Center will move along more quickly and the expenditures will be included on the Measure AA report.

Budget Update – Chui L. Tsang, Superintendent/President

The District is dealing with the budget situation on a daily basis and is facing a \$10 million reduction for the coming year. Even though state funding is not clear at this time, planning the schedules for 2011-2012 is underway. Summer 2011 will be about one-third smaller than 2010; Fall 2011 will be slightly reduced; Winter 2012 will be eliminated; Spring 2012 will be slightly reduced. These schedules will not meet the student demand, however, the District is working on a number of possibilities to come up with self-funded program so that students can meet their educational demands, although there are many restrictions to this type of program. The District is also looking at priority enrollment issues and has created a task force to address the changes as the state level.

6. ELECTION VICE-CHAIR FOR 2011-2012

Todd Flora was unanimously elected Vice-Chair, 2011-2012

7. INFORMATION – Expiring terms of members of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee

The terms of the following members of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee are expiring effective July 1, 2011 and are eligible for reappointment for a second two-year term:

Clarence Chapman
Bruce Sultan

The terms of the following members of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee are expiring effective July 1, 2011 and are not eligible for reappointment for a second two-year term:

Deborah Arvesen
Paul Leoni

The Board of Trustees will follow a recruitment and application process to appoint/reappoint members to fill the vacancies.

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2011-2012

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.
July 20, 2011
October 19, 2011
January 18, 2012
April 18, 2012

9. ADJOURNMENT - 9:27 a.m.