



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING – JANUARY 16, 2008
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 in the Athletic Department Skybox, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica College.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 8:10a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Sylvia Rose, Chair – Present
Deborah Arvesen – Present
Clarence Chapman – Absent
Ralph Erickson – Present
Paul Leoni - Present
Belinda Philips – Absent
Lorraine Sanchez – Present

Others Present:

Greg Brown, Director of Facilities and Planning
Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator
Bruce Smith, Public Information Officer
Charlie Yen, Director, Events and Contracts

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2007

Motion was made by Paul Leoni and seconded by Deborah Arvesen to approve the minutes of October 17, 2007. *Unanimously approved.*

4. REPORTS and DISCUSSION

Reports provided to members:

Measure U

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Measure S

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Bond Sales/Expenses Report

Design Awards

It was reported that Santa Monica College won five design awards in 2007 - three for the Theater Arts complex, and one each for the Bundy campus and the Performing Arts Center.

Measure U Projects:

- (I and K) HSS complex has been successfully completed and occupied.
- (M) North Quad Plaza: The project started in December, 2007 and will be completed in two phases to minimize disruption.
- (O) Student Services Building: The District has started planning this project and has proposed adding other elements to improve the college's Pico frontage. The overall improvements along Pico will now be called Student Services, Bookstore Modernization and Pico Promenade project to shift the focus of the college to Pico Boulevard. The plan shown to the public involves moving the Bookstore to Drescher Hall first floor and includes some student concessions that could benefit the community. It also includes underground parking (#9 on Measure S list). There will be major improvements to transit stops, and the District will work with the City of Santa Monica and the Big Blue Bus to create a large single stop in front of Drescher Hall. Several community meetings have been held and a presentation will be made to the Board for approval at the meeting on February 11th.

The cost for this project will most likely be higher, and the District's consultants are currently working on an updated budget that will be presented at the next meeting. So far, those from the campus and community who have seen the plan feel that it fulfills an important priority to improve the college's Pico frontage.

Currently, there is a minimum of \$34 million committed for this project (Measure U and S, and state funds). The District plans to refinance Measure U that will hopefully result in additional funds to augment the construction costs for the project. The District will request additional state funds based on the construction costs. Other funding in the form of refinance or Certificates of Participation (COPs) will be used to augment the funding of the project.

- (Q) Infrastructure and Safety: Two projects currently underway are (1) update of the campus police video surveillance system and (2) update of the current Information Technology computer center.

Measure S Projects

- (I-A) Athletic Fields Phase I, John Adams: The renovation of the field at John Adams Middle School will start this summer. It will include a soccer field, another field lined for football and softball, and a new fence on Ocean Park Blvd.
- (1) Corsair Field: The District will begin an upgrade to the field by changing to artificial turf, resurfacing the track and upgrading/improving the lighting.
- (2) Performing Arts Complex (Madison): Construction is progressing and will be completed sometime in April or May, 2008.
- (5) Childcare Center: Discussions are starting with the City of Santa Monica on a cooperative project.
- (6) Malibu Site Acquisition: \$25 million is committed for a site in the Malibu Civic Center area.
- (8) Roadway Improvements: The District has received approval by the City of Los Angeles to proceed with the new driveway project at the Bundy campus. This will involve moving the driveway to the north side of campus which will move the bus route away from neighbors. The project will start later in spring 2008.

Bond Sales

- The District is planning to issue \$11 million of Measure U bonds in 2008-09 and at the same time refinance Measure U.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:09 a.m.

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 8 a.m. at the SMC Madison campus, to be followed by a tour of the Performing Arts Center and Music Academy.

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2007-2008

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

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