



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING – July 15, 2009
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus, 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 8:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Sylvia Rose, Chair – Present
Ben Allen – Present
Deborah Arvesen – Present
Clarence Chapman - Present
Ralph Erickson – Absent
Ilda Jimenez y West - Present
Paul Leoni – Present
Bruce Sultan - Present
Christine Thornton - Present

Others Present:

Chris Bonvenuto, Director, Fiscal Services
Greg Brown, Director of Facilities and Planning
Don Girard, Senior Director, Government Relations/Institutional Communications
Bob Isomoto, Vice-President, Business and Administration
Lee Paul, LPI Inc.
Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator
Charlie Yen, Director, Events and Contracts

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 22, 2009

Motion was made by Paul Leoni and seconded by Clarence Chapman to approve the minutes of April 22, 2009). *Unanimously approved, with one abstention (Bruce Sultan)*

4. REAPPOINTED AND NEW MEMBERS

At its meeting on July 7, 2009, the SMCCD Board of Trustees appointed the following members to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, for a two-year term, 2009-11:

Deborah Arvesen (incumbent) – Local community (Sunset Park), local business*
Clarence Chapman (previous member) – Taxpayer's organization, local community (Malibu)
Paul Leoni (incumbent) – Local business*
Bruce Sultan – Local business, SMC support organization (Associates)

*Reappointed for a second two-year term, 2009-2010

Note: The SMC Associated Students will appoint a student representative in September.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sylvia Rose was re-elected Chair for a one-year term (2009-10).
Bruce Sultan was elected Vice-Chair for a two-year term (2009-2011).

6. REPORTS and DISCUSSION

Proposition 39 General Obligation Bonds Financial and Performance Audits,

Chris Bonvenuto, Director of Fiscal Services, provided information in response to a question at the last meeting related to the presentation of the Financial and Performance Audits. He explained that the first issuance of Measure S bonds on May 1, 2005 was in the amount of \$58,000,000. A refunding of those bonds resulted in a gross savings to the taxpayers in the amount of approximately \$10,000,000 by lowering interest rates and shortening maturity periods. The District was able to bring in \$8.5 million more during the refunding, which was placed back into funds for Measure S projects. Unfortunately, the Attorney General for the State of California has since ruled that this type of refunding is no longer an option for the California Municipal Bond market in the future.

Bond Sales/Expense Report

- The District will be looking into issuing \$11 million of Measure U bonds and the first issue of Measure AA bonds in January, 2010.
- Measure U and S budgets and expenditure reports were included with the agenda.
- Pie charts depicting Measure U and S budgets were distributed.
- Measure AA projects will be initiated using Measure S funds, to be reimbursed.
- \$460,000 of Measure U funds and \$6.1 million of Measure S funds were expended during the last quarter

Project Update

- ♦ Most Measure U projects are completed. The major project in progress is the Student Services Building which will be completed in 2013.
- ♦ Measure S projects include the Bundy driveway which is close to completion; parking, grounds and equipment for the Student Services Building; and on-going energy efficient projects.
- ♦ Measure AA projects over the next six to eight years include a central plant (part of the energy efficiency programs); relocation of Information Technology to the south end of the Library; a Media and Technology complex at the Academy of Entertainment and Technology (including radio station KCRW, communications department and a parking structure); replacement of Health, Fitness, Physical Education building; remodel of Drescher Hall (east end of third floor, and first floor to include bookstore and classrooms); replacement of Math and Science extension building; seismic upgrade at Madison and Corsair Stadium; Career Opportunity Center; Malibu Center; Business and Facilities Infrastructure; Master Planning; and on-going energy efficiency projects.

- ♦ The property at Pico Blvd. and 14th Street is being used as a temporary lot for parking displaced by construction.
- ♦ It was reported that the Santa Monica City Council took action on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 that puts Santa Monica College at risk of losing the lot at Exposition and Olympic to the Expo Authority to be used as a maintenance facility. The proposal approved by the City Council did not include compensation to the college for the property. It was established that this would be a loss to the college and that the City should assist in finding an appropriate replacement. This is property acquired with bond funds, so the use has to fit within the legal requirements as defined in the bond measure

Chair Sylvia Rose asked if members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (as citizens) could do anything to influence the City's decision. Don Girard responded that he would keep members informed on this topic and let them know what they can do.

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2009-2010

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.
October 21, 2009
January 20, 2010
April 21, 2010

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:57 a.m.

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 8 a.m. at a Santa Monica College location.