



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING - APRIL 20, 2005
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 8 a.m. at Santa Monica College, **Drescher Hall Room 300-E** (the Loft), 1900 Pico Boulevard. Santa Monica, California.

I. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Linda Sullivan, Chair - Present
Paul Leoni, Vice-Chair - Present
Clarence Chapman - Present
Veronica Lopez - Present
Eleanore Meyer - Present
Ed Moosbrugger - Present
James Mount - Present
Herb Reich - Present
Herb Rose - Present
Bertrand Staggers - Present
Irma Vargas - Present
Pierce Watson - Present
Joe Weichman - Present
Allen Weiss - Present

Others Present:

Thomas Donner, Interim Superintendent/President
Randal Lawson, Executive Vice-President
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

Motion was made by Jim Mount and seconded by Pierce Watson to approve the minutes of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting of January 26, 2005 (as corrected). *Unanimously approved.*

4. OLD BUSINESS

Review of District Audit Report (as it pertains to Measure U funds).

The major issue in the Audit Report was how to address a transfer made during the year end closing process which was improperly recorded. Expenditures related to the library addition project were recorded to the Measure U Bond Building Fund rather than to the old Bond Building Fund, in the amount of \$1,187,168.05. The auditor and the District staff agreed that the proper adjustment could be made in the subsequent year's beginning balance adjustments since the County does not have

another way to correct errors in closing. In the future, the closings would be earlier so that there is an opportunity to make adjustments. The next audit report will be coming for the next period and will be forwarded to the Committee. There was no effect of this adjustment on interest earned in the account.

Approval of Annual Report, 2003-04

The Annual Report for 2003-04 includes a statement that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution and a summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for 2003-04.

Motion made by Herb Rose and seconded by Pierce Watson to approved the Annual Report for 2003-04. *Unanimously approved.*

5. REPORTS and DISCUSSION

Capital Outlay Program - Bond Projects
Measure U/Measure S Construction Projects Timeline
Measure U/Measure S Projects Expenditure Report

- The cost of construction for Measure U projects have increased, so decisions will need to be made on prioritizing projects and reducing costs to keep the total at \$160 million. The District is actively pursuing other funding.
- The District is working with the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to jointly develop early childhood education center (classes, not lab) using Measure S funds.

Santa Monica Airport Campus

- The purchase amount of \$30 million for the Santa Monica Airport Campus (formerly BAE site) came from Certificates of Participation (COP) not from Measure U funds. COPs are used to borrow funds to purchase land or buildings for a government agency. The payoff of the COPs with Measure U funds will be considered when interest rates increase.
- There were two public hearings held regarding the SM Airport Campus, one in Santa Monica and one in Mar Vista. The Mar Vista residents asked for community services, self-contained programs and adult classes, and the District is planning to provide that public benefit. The Santa Monica residents seemed confused about the topic of the meeting, but many good comments were made.
- Classes at the SM Airport Campus are scheduled to start in July, 2005. These will be self-contained programs, adult education, community services courses.

Shuttle Replacement Parking Structure:

- The purpose of the shuttle parking lot was to move cars off the main campus; now a different group is saying they do not want student traffic between the Airport campus and the main campus.

- The traffic study preliminary report will be ready in a couple of weeks.
- The District's proposal to the City of Santa Monica to build parking under the Airport Park was not well received as they do not see any long-term benefit to the City in doing that, and it would cause delays to the project.
- Another proposal was to build a parking structure on the Bundy site, which was opposed by the Mar Vista residents.
- There was a proposal to bring cars back onto the main campus, but there is no room on the main campus for more parking.
- Another idea presented was for the District to purchase property near a freeway off ramp, build a parking structure and thereby eliminate the amount of surface traffic. This would be very costly and would create another set of problems with the existing freeway off ramp.
- There are plans to work as a public benefit agency with the appropriate Los Angeles City Councilmembers after the election.

14th and Pico;

- The lot at 14th and Pico is being used as the staging area for contractors on various construction projects, thereby keeping open space on campus which allows for better student circulation. This lot is approximately 25,000 square feet.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2005-06

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

July 20, 2005
 October 19, 2005
 January 18, 2006
 April 19, 2006

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at 8 a.m. at the SM Airport Campus.