



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING -OCTOBER 18, 2006
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 in Business Building Room 111, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica College.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 8:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Linda Sullivan, Chair - Present
Clarence Chapman - Present
Ralph Erickson - Present
Veronica Lopez - Absent
Eleanore Meyer - Present
Belinda Philliips - Absent
Sylvia Rose - Present
Irma Vargas, Vice-Chair - Absent
Allen Weiss - Present

Others Present:

Chui L. Tsang, Superintendent/President
Greg Brown, Director of Facilities and Planning
Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator
Charlie Yen, Director, Events and Contracts
Paul Leoni, former CBOC member

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Sylvia Rose and seconded by Eleanore Meyer to approve the minutes of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting of July 19, 2006. *Unanimously approved.*

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

At its meeting on August 14, 2006, the Board of Trustees appointed Lorraine Sanchez to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for a two-year term, 2006-08.

5. REPORTS and DISCUSSION (reports enclosed)

Summary of the role of the Committee: Members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) represent the community and the taxpayers in overseeing the District's spending of bond funds (Measures U and S) to make sure that the funds are spent appropriately. Staff provides financial reports and construction project updates. The Board sets the budget, hires the architects, and approves the contracts for the bond construction projects. The Board of Trustees receives all minutes and the annual report from the CBOC.

Update on Completed Construction: Two buildings were opened in fall, 2006 - Theater Arts Complex and the Liberal Arts Replacement Building (north) now named Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS). The second phase of the Liberal Arts Replacement Building (south) will be open in summer 2007. The Performing Arts Center and Music remodel at Madison will open next fall.

Property Acquisition: The District made an offer on property in Malibu; however, it did not work out and the agreement has been rescinded. The District is still looking for property in Malibu, focusing on the Civic Center area. The District is also pursuing property in Santa Monica for shuttle parking in order to relocate the temporary shuttle parking arrangement at the beach.

Bond Measure: State Facilities Bond measure 1D on the November ballot would provide 50 percent funding for the SMC Student Services building. The other 50 percent would be from Measure U funds. Included in the bond issue is a provision to simplify the process of approval for community college construction projects. The standards of construction would not be reduced if passed, but the period of time a project "sits" at the state level would be greatly reduced, which would help keep the costs of projects from increasing.

In response to a question raised about the need for a Theater Arts Building and a Performing Arts Center, it was clarified that the Theater Arts Building is used strictly for the instructional program and performances. The Performing Arts Center, which is comparable to a mid-size New York theater, will provide the college and the community a larger, professional venue for all kinds of performances.

Reports provided to members:

Measure U

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Measure S

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

Bond Sales/Expenses Report

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Leoni

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 8 a.m. (*location to be determined*).

A tour of several SMC off-campus facilities followed the meeting.