

Yosemite Community College District

Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

YCCD Board Room
January 8, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: James West, Patrick Sweeney, Betty Ann Prescott, Nick Cretan, Richard S. York, Debbie Paffendorf, Terry Plett, Jayme Johnson, Gary McKinsey, Donald Bunce, Gary Hampton

Members Absent: David Geer, Michael Gianelli

Others Present: Roe Darnell, Matt Kennedy, Mark Newton, Marie Oyata, Rich Rose, Teresa Scott, Nick Stavrianoudakis, Andrew Paffendorf, Connie Mical, Graciela Molina (recorder)

1. Call to Order

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Meeting was called to order by Richard York at 5:05 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Modesto Junior College East Campus.

2. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2007 Meeting

The meeting minutes of October 3, 2007 were approved by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A motion was made by Terry Plett and seconded by James West. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

4. Change in Bylaws

CBOC members previously inquired if their bylaws related to membership terms could be changed. The Chancellor's Office reported that due to Prop 39 requirements membership terms could not be changed; the Board of Trustees, at their December meeting, adopted new language to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws Section 5.4 Membership Terms which now read:

"Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a term of two (2) years, commencing on the date of the first meeting of the Committee. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, unless a replacement has not been identified..."

5. Committee Membership Update

Nick Stavrianoudakis reported that Michael L. Gianelli's second term is up on March 9, 2008. He currently serves as a representative of a College Support Organization. CBOC requested that the District consult with Bond Counsel to see if Mr. Gianelli could serve as an At-large representative; the inquiry will be made and response will be provided to CBOC members at a later time.

6. Measure E Bond Update

Parking: Chancellor Roe Darnell reported on an alternate plan for parking; a piece of property is being negotiated for purchase on Tully to construct a ground level parking lot. This property is near one of our existing buildings that is currently used as support staff space. The alternative plan will provide a cost savings of approximately \$6-8 million; it will be completed prior to the groundbreaking for the parking garage, and could potentially yield a total of 325-350 new spaces, 125 more than the parking garage. This

provides parking away from the residential area and is an immediate response to the parking issue; Patrick Sweeney and Terry Plett applauded the efforts of the District with regard to adding land to the College and increasing the number of parking spaces, all while being cost effective. Chair Richard York suggested that the District look into controlled crosswalks for the parking; he recommended a traffic study and a study on storm drains. The Director of Security and Safety previously reported to the Chancellor that it is easier to patrol an uncovered parking lot than a covered parking garage. The CBOC voted unanimously to support the alternate plan for parking and requested that their support be passed along to the YCCD Board of Trustees.

Mark Newton provided a project update. *Student Services* which was a Phase II project has been moved up to Phase I and is now in schematic design. *Founders* in Phase II is determining swing space and considering leasing off-site space. The *High Tech* building has started in design phase and will move to the Science building and use it as swing space. The *Library Resource* is in first phase of State funding approval which will provide a significant amount of funding to the project. **MJC West:** *Allied Health* moved into construction documents, originally over budget by 4%. They are now under budget and show savings to the project. *Softball* is in design phase; master plan is completed and now moving to schematic design. *Ag Housing* is on hold with DTSC testing; the building is in design development. *Animal Units:* The moving of the beef unit can also influence the sheep unit. **Columbia College:** *Public Safety* is approved by DSA and will go to bid this month. *Madrone* is in DSA and starts construction in May. *Child Development* is also in DSA and expects to begin construction in May, as well. The *Science Natural Resources* has replaced the architect on the project. In response to an inquiry from Terry Plett, Mark Newton reported that the Natural Science Resource Center will complete the drawings this year and begin construction next year. Mark Newton reported that projects may be coming under-budget partly due to the downturn in the housing market.

In response to an inquiry regarding land acquisitions, Mark Newton reported that *Calaveras Educational Site* is getting close; appraisals are being done for Angels Camp and there has been a request for Board approval for negotiations. *Westside Educational Site:* The Chancellor reported that discussions with the City and County have taken place; in the interim a joint project is being discussed. *Turlock Educational Site:* Meetings with group leaders are taking place and currently trying to locate a site.

Donald Bunce, MJC Student representative on the CBOC, expressed concern with the new *Student Services Building* and the potential loss of green space between Morris building and the Student Center. Mark Newton reported that the proposal for the Student Services Building sets it on the North end of the quad to limit the number of tree removals while being sensitive to the flag pole, benches and time capsule.

7. Measure E Quarterly Expense Report

Mark Newton reported that the new expenditure report that was forthcoming is still in the review process; CBOC members should see this new report at the next meeting. He provided an overview of the Measure E Quarterly Expense Report. As of October 31, 2007, MJC has a total expenditures amount of \$11 million, encumbered approximately \$17.2 million, and ends with an unencumbered balance of \$192 million. Most of the

expenses for MJC were for the Auditorium; upcoming expenses will be seen in Allied Health and Parking. Columbia College's total expenditures amount to \$3.1 million, encumbered \$3.7 million, and an unencumbered balance of \$45.6 million. Central Services has a total expenditures amount of \$17 million and a balance of about \$36.5 million with no current encumbrances. Program wide total expenditures amount to \$31 million, encumbrances of almost \$21.5 million, and an ending balance of approximately \$273.5 million. Current scenario is that Central Services will hold off on projects until MJC and Columbia College complete their projects. Costs will be increasing as more projects get under construction.

8. Comments from Committee Members

In response to an inquiry from Debbie Paffendorf, the Chancellor reported that the District has not yet considered the need for janitorial support for the new buildings but is interested in establishing an endowment for each new building as is done in private industry. Chair Duke York expressed concern with Proposition 92, although funding for community colleges would increase, and cuts associated to K-12 are of concern; he did not lobby either way, just made the comment.

9. Adjournment

Betty Ann Prescott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Patrick Sweeney. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Education Room, Manzanita Building at Columbia College in Sonora. A tour for committee members is scheduled to precede the meeting at 4:30 p.m.