

Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

YCCD Board Room

July 6, 2005, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: David F. Geer, Stan Hodges, Alfie Johnson, Steve Madison, Luis I. Molina, Debbie Paffendorf, Betty Ann Prescott, Richard S. York Jr.

Members Absent: Richard Blunt, Michael L. Gianelli, John H. Keiter, Rodney B. Lindsay Sr., Michelle Shelton, Roy W. Wasden

Others Present: James Williams, Nick Stavrianoudakis, Deborah Campbell, Maria L. Baker, Mark Newton, William McCombs, Graciela Molina (recorder)

1. Call to Order

Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) Meeting was called to order by Luis Molina at 6:08 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2005 Meeting

The meeting minutes of May 10, 2005 were approved by the Citizens' Oversight Committee. A motion was made by David F. Geer and seconded by Mr. Alfie Johnson. The motion carried with a vote of 8-0.

3. Deadlines for Agenda Item Submission

Chair Molina distributed a 2005-06 meeting schedule that included deadlines for submitting agenda items. He requested that committee members submit future agenda items to the Chair by the deadline.

4. Process to Review Expenditures

Deborah Campbell, YCCD Controller, stated that a sample spreadsheet for reporting Bond expenditures can be set up and welcomed feedback from the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Mark Newton from Kitchell reported that a selection process is being initiated to identify an engineering firm; the process will be set hopefully in November. He stated foundation work is being completed, but not a lot of work apparent to the community. Construction projects have not been set. Mr. Newton reported that they are engaged with overall site coordinating committees to understand and validate scope and build budgets for specific projects, contingency planning is going on as well. The next MJC Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled for July 19th, minutes are available on the MJC President's Website.

5. Informing the Public

Chair Molina requested the committee begin discussion on how the group will inform the public of their progress. Suggestions from the committee were to distribute the Measure E Update, create a newsletter, to write editorials to local newspapers. Betty Ann Prescott stated that the Editor of the Calaveras Enterprise welcomed guest editorials. Chair Molina stated Nick Stavrianoudakis is the District contact for reporting to the press and the committee will work through the District to distribute press releases. It was suggested that general information regarding meeting dates and actual improvements be forwarded to local newspapers.

6. Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report

Chair Molina distributed a copy of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report as a sample to guide this committee. He recommended that a sub-committee be formed to work on this project. Dr. Williams noted that this annual report was provided to Chair Molina because it received a noteworthy mention from the Tax Payers Association. Timeframe to complete the annual report will be after the close of the 05-06 Fiscal Year.

7. Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Chair Molina reported that the Citizens' Oversight Committee agreed to meet on a quarterly basis the first Wednesday of the month. He recommended that the committee consider meeting at different locations within the YCCD service area. Members agreed that the meetings would take place on October 5, 2005 at Columbia College, January 4, 2006 at MJC East Campus and on April 5, 2006 at the Patterson West Side Center. The specific locations are yet to be announced.

8. Future Facility Tours

Chair Molina expressed that the Citizens' Oversight Committee was interested in touring various YCCD facilities. YCCD staff agreed to provide facility tours of the project areas in Phase 1. It was decided that tours would begin at 5:00 p.m. one hour prior to the regularly scheduled meetings on October 5, 2005 a tour of Columbia College, January 4, 2006 a tour of MJC East Campus, and on April 5, 2006 a tour of the proposed Patterson West Side Center. Chair Molina requested that committee members advise him if they would like to participate in the tours.

9. Future Center Land Acquisition Updates

Dr. Williams reported that a developer in Angels Camp may be willing to donate land to District, the logistical details are being assessed. Steve Madison asked that the District be conscious of the cost of land. Richard S. York Jr. recommended the District inquire about land donated to the Sonora Area Foundation.

10. First Phase Project Updates: Modesto Junior College High Tech Center

MJC High Tech Center project committee will make its presentation to Kitchell staff, along with the Ag Museum and Softball Field.

11. Comments from the Public

Deborah Campbell, YCCD Controller, reported that a new fund has been created within the county and in our general ledger for Bond expenditures; proceeds have been recorded with the county and are listed in the YCCD general ledger. At the site coordinating committees, Maria and Deborah will be assigning project numbers for the accounts. She stated that YCCD has consistently received high remarks from annual auditors.

Maria Baker, Director – Facilities Planning and Operations, stated she would be willing to provide an explanation of the construction process at the next meeting.

12. Comments from Committee Members

It was reported that Les Weidman resigned from the Citizens' Oversight Committee and recommended that his name be removed from the member list on the COC website. Also, a suggestion was made to move public comments to the beginning of the meeting.

11. Adjournment

Richard S. York Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Debbie Paffendorf. The Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at 5:00 pm at Columbia College.