

Yosemite Community College District

Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

YCCD Board Room
October 3, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: David F. Geer, Betty Ann Prescott, James West, Michael L. Gianelli, Richard S. York Jr., Terry Plett, Jayme Johnson, Gary R. Hampton, Donald Bunce, Debbie Paffendorf

Members Absent: Gary McKinsey, Nick Cretan, Patrick Sweeney

Others Present: Roe Darnell, Teresa Scott, Tim Nesmith, Mark Newton, Matt Kennedy, Marie Otaya, Joan Smith, Nick Stavrianoudakis, Graciela Molina (recorder)

1. Call to Order

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) meeting was called to order by Chair Richard York at 6:02 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2007 Meeting

The meeting minutes of April 4, 2007 were approved by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as amended. A motion was made by Betty Ann Prescott and seconded by Terry Plett. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Acceptance of July 10, 2007 Record of Discussion

Chair Richard York accepted the record of discussion from the July 10, 2007 CBOC meeting.

4. Membership Update

Chancellor Roe Darnell introduced Jayme Johnson, Columbia College student and newest member appointed to the CBOC by the YCCD Board of Trustees; he also reported that John Keiter resigned his seat on the committee. Nick Stavrianoudakis reported on membership terms; members ending their first term would be invited to serve a second term; members serving a second term according to the bylaws are termed out. Michael Gianelli inquired of the possibility of amending bylaws; Chancellor Roe Darnell reported that YCCD Board of Trustees approved the CBOC bylaws and this committee can make a recommendation to revise the bylaws.

It was requested that bylaw membership terms be reviewed at the January CBOC meeting.

5. Comments from the Public

David Geer shared a Modesto Bee article with CBOC members and reported that he will respond to the editorial as part of a "guest opinion." Chair Richard York reported that he previously requested information from Nick Stavrianoudakis and Doug Lau in order to provide a response.

6. Measure E Bond Update

Kitchell will be rolling out a new report in the future that will provide updates on project status and financial reporting. The main charge of CBOC is to review detailed level of expenditures; the new report will assist in this charge. A draft report will be provided to CBOC for review with a request for feedback.

Mark Newton reported that the MJC Educational Master Plan moves Science and Math to West Campus. Lionakis Beaumont Design Group, Inc. has been selected as the architect for the move and has met four times with the project committee. Museum consultants are in the process of being selected; Student Services and Softball projects are in discussion; tours of the Auditorium are forthcoming in January/February. The Ag Project is going through a re-scoping project; Allied Health is moving forward and Parking is in design phase. Columbia College Madrone Project is moving forward with State compliance; the Science Natural Resources Project is working intensively with architects. The original Westside Center donation fell through and alternative property options are being reviewed. Kitchell is making recommendations on Calaveras prospective properties. Property in Oakdale is being looked at and Turlock is looking at joint-use property with other parties.

David Geer stated he appreciated the news release from YCCD; he expressed his opposition to any association MJC may have with Mr. Kamilos. He stated as a representative of the Tax Payers Association he has received many calls regarding the same concerns. Chancellor Darnell reported that his charge to the YCCD Board of Trustees is to provide them with all opportunities and/or options on the West Side.

Chair Richard York recommended that CBOC not get involved in property negotiations; he asked Staff to advise CBOC of property negotiations/agreements when appropriate. Mark Newton reported that more faculty and staff are becoming involved in the design process and therefore become more involved in the Measure E Process.

In response to a question from Donald Bunce, if the West Side Center does not develop will MJC recover the allocation, Dr. Darnell reported that something will develop on the West Side. The Chancellor also responded to Betty Ann Prescott regarding the Calaveras Center property acquisition, being that he is new to the District this has stalled the process a little, but is moving forward on Calaveras. At this time Kitchell is working on comparable property values.

7. Quarterly Expense Report

Mark Newton reported that a ramping up in expenditures will change the way financial expenditures are reported. Kitchell is migrating to a project by project reporting. Mark Newton stated the new format will clarify change orders and project status, will provide details on the status of the project, narratives and an overview of expenditures. In general, the report will provide a history of where the program has been and what has been expended.

Mark Newton provided an overview of the Measure E Quarterly Expense Report. As of June 30, 2007, MJC has a total expenditures amount of \$6 million, encumbered approximately \$20 million, and ends with an unencumbered balance of just under \$194 million. Columbia College's total expenditures amount's \$2.7 million, encumbered \$3.8 million, and an unencumbered balance of \$46 million. Central Services has total expenditures at approximately \$17 million and a balance of about \$36.5 million with no current encumbrances. Program wide total expenditures amount to \$25.7 million dollars, encumbrances of \$24.9 million; and an ending balance of approximately \$275.5 million. Columbia College projects starting up are Child Development, Public Safety and Madrone.

David Geer inquired about the Founders Hall modernization; Mark Newton reported Kitchell is going through a careful examination of the building, conducting physical inventory and opportunities for remodel.

8. Annual Report

Members were previously provided a final draft Annual Report for review. Nick Stavrianoudakis reported that Chair Richard York, Donald Bunce and Terry Plett were on the Annual Report committee. The report includes a summary in review, budget information, and includes a list of CBOC members. A motion was made by Michael Gianelli and seconded by Donald Bunce to approve the Annual Report with suggested changes and forward it to the YCCD Board of Trustees for approval. The vote carried unanimously.

9. Future Meeting Dates for 2008

Members approved the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule for 2008 and recommended that tours be scheduled in January and April of the MJC Auditorium and Columbia College Bond Projects respectively.

10. Comments from Committee Members

Betty Ann Prescott asked for clarification regarding discussions at the CBOC meeting prior to the approval of meeting minutes. It was reported that CBOC meetings are public meetings and minutes are the official record of the transaction of a meeting. Nick Stavrianoudakis reported that unofficial minutes are posted on the Web for review prior to the next meeting.

Members are able discuss what took place at the meeting prior to the approval of meeting minutes. With the exception of confidential topics or items that violate Brown Act. Any member is able to represent him/herself as an individual, but not as a representative of the committee as a whole. Dr. Darnell mentioned that even though members may speak as an individual, they may often be viewed as an advisory board member.

In response to inquiries from David Geer and Gary Hampton, it was reported that the Parking Structure is in design phase and blueprints should be forthcoming in April; Division of State Architects (DSA) is reviewing of the parking structure design. Nine months has been allowed for construction. Dr. Darnell reported on the challenges with DSA are related to earthquake safety and handicap access which involves a lengthy process. Gary Hampton expressed how delays are perceived by the community. He also recommended that YCCD take an aggressive effort in potential land acquisitions in light of the current real-estate market.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at Modesto Junior College, 435 College Avenue, Modesto.