

Yosemite Community College District

Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

YCCD Board Room
March 4, 2015, 2 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Frazer, Del Hodges, Larry McElhaney, Paul Neumann, Jeff Phillips, Matthew Rolichcheck, Thomas Solomon

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Newton, Matt Kennedy, Joan Smith, Coni Chavez, Jill Stearns, Joe Aja, Marie O'taya, Sarah Schrader, Tim Nesmith, Jorge Mendoza, Joan Smith, Graciela Molina (recorder)

1. Call to Order

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry McElhaney at 2:00 p.m. in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room.

As new CBOC Chair, Larry McElhaney provided a brief introduction of his background and is excited to serve as the chairperson.

2. Comments from the Public

Chancellor Smith provided a Certificate of Appreciation to Jeff Phillips for his service on the CBOC. He expressed thanks to everyone and wished the group well.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2014 Meeting

A motion to approve the meeting Minutes of December 18, 2014, was made by Jeff Phillips and seconded by Paul Neumann. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Ayes: Barbara Frazer, Del Hodges, Larry McElhaney, Paul Neumann, Jeff Phillips, Matthew Rolichcheck, Thomas Solomon

Nays: none

4. Committee Membership Update

Interim Executive Director of Public Affairs Coni Chavez provided an update to the vacancies that are open on the CBOC. The following CBOC members will continue to serve another term on the CBOC: Rolichcheck, Neumann and Frazer. Jeff Phillips was recognized for his service 4 years of service on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A press release regarding vacancies was sent out; three persons have expressed interest, awaiting applications.

5. MJC Parking Structure

In light of a recent letter to the editor, regarding the Bond Measure E Program - MJC Parking Structure, discussion arose on the topic. Mark Newton provided historical perspective regarding the Parking structure/garage. CBOC members were informed that a parking study and ratio study was conducted; the results were provided to the Yosemite CCD Board. A large concern with the parking structure was related to student safety. In late 2005, following public meetings, the Board decided to create a parking lot in lieu of multi-tier parking structure. Modesto Junior College has rebalanced the number of students at each campus with the addition of the Science Community Center on West Campus. Mark Newton responded to questions from CBOC members following his presentation. CBOC member Paul Neumann provided historical perspective related to the topic when he served on the YCCD Board of Trustees. For the Board, at that time, alleviating the parking by increasing the number of parking spaces versus building a tiered parking garage was the best use of Bond Measure E funds. Tom Solomon

provided insight regarding an opportunity related to the land adjacent to the MJC Parking Lot 207. Discussion ensued regarding the extent to which this topic relates to the scope of the CBOC.

6. Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mark Newton provided the CBOC members with an update on the progress of the Measure E Bond projects – Great Valley Museum Education Demonstration Center, Net Zero Ready District Office Building, the MJC Great Valley Museum, and a Summary Expenditure Report. **GREAT VALLEY MUSEUM EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION CENTER:** Construction completion delayed due to weather delays, likely June/July 2015; Project Budget is \$3,165,000. Incorporated to the building are large display windows. Photos of the construction were shared. Project savings of about \$1million is expected. **NET ZERO READY DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING:** Net Zero means that we produce the same amount of energy in total that is consumed by the building for both electrical and natural gas. The status of the building is net zero ready, once the parking solar panels are installed in the parking lot then the building will be Net Zero. Mark Newton shared with CBOC members how net zero energy use is achieved and discussed energy conservation. Bids were due March 3rd; looking forward to moving ahead. Project is expected to be delivered on budget. Building completion is expected at 16 months from start, September of 2016. **MJC GREAT VALLEY MUSEUM (GVM):** The concept for this project was to create the national habitat that existed before building occurred in this area of the Central Valley. The GVM is located in the 1st floor of the Science Community Center and includes a valley riparian habitat, fresh water marsh; natural history collection includes various birds, mule elk, raptors, large black bear; nest with Golden Eagle, jaguars, and a grey wolf, and coyotes. The project includes a discovery room, a spherical tool to view Earth's weather patterns and other global trends, and a gift shop. The GVM will be open for school tours beginning the second week in March.

Following an inquiry regarding the Traffic Signal Project, Mark Newton reported that light poles are custom built for individual locations; the light poles are on order and being built; the start of construction is expected to begin in April with completion before fall.

In addition, Mark Newton referenced the bond update provided in the agenda packet. **Modesto Junior College: North Hall:** The project is in construction and will be complete next spring. *Science Community Center/Great Valley Museum (GVM):* GVM exhibits are being installed. GVM Education Demonstration Center building is in construction. *East Campus Roads:* project is in DSA for approval. *Traffic Signal:* the project has been awarded to a contractor. *West Campus Roads* Project is in design. **Columbia College: Manzanita Building Remodel:** The project is in construction. Roads Phase III is in design. **Central Services: Central Services Building:** The project has been submitted to the Division of the State Architect. Contractor pre-qualifications are underway.

7. YCCD Measure E Budgets and Schedule

Mark Newton provided a presentation on the YCCD Budget and Schedule for CBOC members. Some funds have been transferred from Oakdale Project to the CC Roadways Project. Following an inquiry regarding the status of Columbia roads, Mark reported that Phase 2B is currently being worked on. In addition, MJC East Campus roadway projects are expected to be completed by fall of 2015. West Campus roadway drawings are being submitted to DSA.

8. Bond Quarterly Expenditure/Revenue Report

CBOC members received the Quarterly Expenditure Report as part of their packet. Matt Kennedy provided a presentation on the Expenditure Revenue Report for CBOC members. As of December 31, 2014, MJC has total expenditures of \$193.7 million, encumbered about \$4.5 million, and ends with an unencumbered balance of \$22.7 million. Columbia College has total expenditures of \$42.7 million, encumbered about \$3.3 million, and an unencumbered balance of \$6.4 million. Central Services has total expenditures of just under \$52.6 million, encumbered about \$1.2 million, and an unencumbered balance of \$24.7 million. Overall, program-wide total expenditures are just over \$289 million, encumbrances total \$10 million, and an end with a balance of approximately \$52 million.

9. Comments from Committee Members

Jeff Phillips stated it was a pleasure serving on the committee. He especially thanked Mark Newton and Kitchell Staff for their support and for responding to all his inquiries. Chair Larry McElhaney thanked the CBOC for electing him to serve in the capacity of CBOC Chairperson.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting was made by Paul Neumann and seconded by Jeff Phillips. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Ayes: Barbara Frazer, Del Hodges, Larry McElhaney, Paul Neumann, Jeff Phillips, Matthew Rolichcheck, Thomas Solomon

Nays: none

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Following adjournment of the regular meeting, CBOC Members Frazer, Hodges, McElhaney, Phillips, and Solomon along with YCCD Staff Coni Chavez, Jill Stearns, and Tim Nesmith participated in a tour of MJC Bond Projects led by Kitchell Staff Mark Newton and Matt Kennedy, and the Dean of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Brian Sanders. The tour included the Great Valley Museum, GVM Educational Center and a demonstration at the Planetarium.

The next regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Open session will begin at 2 p.m., in the Dogwood Forum, Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonoma, California. A tour of bond projects for CBOC members will follow the general meeting.