



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING – JULY 20, 2005
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at 8 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room (Room 123) at the SMC Bundy Campus, 3171 Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 8:12 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Linda Sullivan, Chair - Present
Paul Leoni, Vice-Chair – Present
Clarence Chapman - Present
Veronica Lopez - Absent
Eleanore Meyer - Present
Ed Moosbrugger - Present
James Mount - Absent
Herb Reich - Absent
Herb Rose - Absent
Bertrand Staggers - Absent
Irma Vargas –Present
Pierce Watson - Present
Joe Weichman - Absent
Allen Weiss – Present

Others Present:

Thomas Donner, Interim Superintendent/President
Greg Brown, Director of Facilities and Planning
John Jalili, Committee Advisor
Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator
Bruce Smith, Public Information Officer
Charlie Yen, Director, Events and Contracts

Chair Linda Sullivan announced that a letter of resignation was received from Bert Staggers.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Irma Vargas and seconded by Paul Leoni to approve the minutes of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting of April 20, 2005. *Unanimously approved.*

4. REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, 2005-2007

The following members of the committee were unanimously reappointed for another two-year term (2005-07) by the Board of Trustees on July 6, 2005:

Veronica Lopez
Dr. Eleanore Meyer
Linda Sullivan
Irma Vargas
Joe Weichman
Dr. Allen Weiss

5. REPORTS and DISCUSSION *(reports received with agenda)*

Board of Trustees action to issue General Obligation Bonds

The Board of Trustees authorized the issue of not to exceed \$90 million of general obligation bonds. The authorization was originally planned to be for a \$55 million sale of bonds, with an additional amount in two years. However, following an assessment of the interest rates, it was determined that authorization of the larger amount was necessary.

Capital Outlay Program-Bond Projects

Measure U/Measure S Projects Expenditure Report

Measure U/Measure S Construction Projects Timeline

- Construction costs increased 35% in 2004; increases are now running 5%-10%. Actual and projected costs of projects funded by Measure U are much higher than originally budgeted. The primary source of secondary funding is the State of California. The submission and approval process can take as long as five years, and the state allows only one project to be submitted per year for state funding.
- Shuttle Replacement Parking/Bundy Campus Project: When the college began construction/remodeling of the four-story building at the Bundy campus, the City of Santa Monica closed the gate thereby denying access from Airport Avenue. The college did not realize that the City planned not to re-open the gates allowing access to the Bundy campus. At this time, the City is allowing pedestrian access only to the Bundy campus, not vehicle access via Airport Avenue. Therefore, the Bundy campus cannot be used as a parking solution.

The college needs to vacate the existing shuttle lot at the airport because construction will begin on the Airport Park. The District is now looking for an alternate site close to a freeway on/off ramp for a shuttle site; however, it is difficult to find a large enough property with freeway accessibility. . The amount of \$17,256,000 indicated on the *Measure U Bond Budget* (Line L) for shuttle replacement does not include land acquisition. Therefore, Measure U and Measure S funds may need to be combined in order to acquire land for shuttle parking.

Other options for a shuttle lot have been considered, such as use of beach parking lots, parking at Madison, Virginia Park, all of which, for different reasons, are not workable solutions.

The property on Olympic previously occupied by Papermate is being considered as a temporary solution. It is a good connection route with freeway access, but it is for lease, not for sale. There are 250 parking spaces around the building, and parking could be accommodated in the building.

- The community needs to understand that high demand, low enrollment programs being offered at the Bundy site to serve Santa Monica and Mar Vista residents. The goal is enrollment recovery, not growth, which is mandated by the state so the District does not lose funding. Additional parking is not needed to attract more students, but it is to cure a parking problem.

Approval of Annual Report, 2004-05

The Annual Report for 2004-05 includes a statement that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution and a summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for 2004-05.

Motion made by Paul Leoni and seconded by Irma Vargas to approve the Annual Report for 2004-05 (as corrected). *Unanimously approved.*

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2005-06

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

October 19, 2005 (Skybox)

January 18, 2006 (the Loft)

April 19, 2006 (Emeritus College)

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at 8 a.m. at Santa Monica College.