

MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 12, 2012

Riverside City College

Digital Library & Learning Resources Center, Rm. 409

4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92506

Vice Chair Allison Dale called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present

Mr. David Barnhart

Ms. Allison Dale

Ms. Rikki Hix

Mr. Jeff Kraus

Mr. Robert Taylor

Members Absent

Mr. Richard Chavez (excused)

Dr. Nicolas Ferguson (excused)

Staff Present

Mr. Aaron Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor, Finance

Dr. Jim Buysse, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance

Mr. Jim Parsons, Associate Vice Chancellor, Strategic Communications
& Relations

Mr. Orin Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning, Design
& Construction

Mr. Bart Doering, Director of Construction

Approval of minutes – April 12, 2011

Committee voted to approve the minutes. (M/Barnhart, S/Hix)

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Dr. Buysse discussed the Bond Counsel's opinion on the use of Measure C money to pay for District facilities. Genuses of issue was a discussion at a prior Board of Trustees meeting, where the Board requested an opinion from legal counsel regarding use of Measure C money to pay for the District Office component of the planned RCC Culinary Arts Academy at the downtown RCCD Renaissance Block site. Bond Counsel's opinion was that the language of the Measure C ballot approved by voters did not prohibit the use of bonds for District facilities.

BOND COUNSEL
OPINION

Vice Chair Dale asked about RSA and whether the original concept would be retained. Dr. Buysse outlined the Board's decision to re-scope the project, which will now be constructed with Measure C money versus a combination of Measure C and State construction funds. The Board's action did preserve general aspects of the original concept, and followed recommendations made by an adhoc committee of the Board.

Member Dale also inquired whether subterranean parking for RSA would have been retained if State funding had been available for the project. Decision to eliminate subterranean parking was based on cost, anticipated parking load as RSA phases developed, and project savings resulting from the District purchasing spaces in a nearby City-owned parking facility.

Mr. Brown distributed the Measure C Financial Summary Report, listing commitments through June 30, 2012. He reported that final numbers would be available in mid-August following year-end accounting activities. Current numbers indicated that \$63 million in Measure C projects was in progress throughout the District, and that \$2.3 million in newly completed projects was reflected on the list.

MEASURE C FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Williams briefly discussed a PowerPoint that he'd presented to the Board of Trustees in June outlining Measure C project savings reallocated to remaining projects.

Member Barnhart asked about energy conservation plans and whether the colleges and district had identified certain projects that would save money. Answer: A consultant is looking at energy savings and conservation opportunities in several areas, including the Aquatics Complex at RCC, and the self-generation incentive program at Norco College, among others.

Mr. Brown discussed the contingency and reserve fund, as well as additional Measure C district allocation directed toward the Coil School of the Arts project. Other reallocations included RCC's decision to proceed with a new Cosmetology building instead of a Student Services Building at this time.

Mr. Williams distributed and discussed the comprehensive construction program schedule and the Program Executive Summary. Specific items of discussion: the Chancellor's contingency fund, where \$2-3 million is in flux pending future discussions; a sweeping of completed Measure C project accounts, which resulted in \$5 million in unused funds going back into respective colleges' general Measure C accounts; the change of status of the Wheelock Gymnasium project from construction to warranty stage; the completion of the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties, which opened on June 27, 2012; and three projects—a Multimedia Arts Center at Norco College, a Life/Physical Science building at RCC, and a Library and Learning Center at Moreno Valley College, which are in the FPP stage.

MEASURE C PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Williams noted that MVC and NC were considering revising their

facilities master plans, and he introduced John Baker, the new Director of Construction who will handle RCC projects.

Member Kraus asked about the Iddo Benzeevi land donation; negotiation regarding the land use has not occurred at this time. Member Dale asked how the District can come up with the dollar amount indicated on the report next to the Benzeevi project. Mr. Williams noted that the amount was simply a placeholder, marking the Chancellor's current Measure C reserve.

Member Hix asked about an item labeled tennis courts at RCC. Mr. Williams replied that the tennis courts on the parking structure were going to be relocated to the Lovekin Complex area on the lower campus and the current location of the courts would be redone as additional parking spaces.

Member Hix asked whether something similar to the MVC emergency phones upgrade would occur at the Norco and Riverside City colleges. Mr. Doering replied that there were no plans at this time, but that future upgrades are part of overall discussions. He also explained the benefits of the new upgraded system, which included automatic location identification by the Dispatch Center when a call is made from an emergency phone, network VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) technology, and an emergency strobe light that activates when a phone is used, along with a page sent to all college officers on duty.

Member Kraus expressed a concern about using Measure C funds to pay for projects deemed as repairs using a long term payment method such as bonds.

Mr. Parsons discussed the upcoming schedule for the Committee's annual report. The Committee authorized retaining the same format for the 2011-12 CBOC Annual Report, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees on October 16, 2012.

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COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT