

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JOINT MEETING WITH SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
MINUTES

The Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District and the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita was called to order on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, by Board President Bruce Fortine, in the Staff Dining Room of the Student Center, College of the Canyons, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California.

Members Present: Mr. Bruce D. Fortine
Mr. Ronald E. Gillis
Mrs. Michele R. Jenkins
Mrs. Joan W. MacGregor
Mr. Ernest L. Tichenor
Mr. Earl Foust III, Student Trustee (arrived 6:50pm)

City Council
Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bob Kellar
Ms. Marsha McLean
Mr. Frank Ferry
Ms. Laurene Weste

Others Present: Mr. Ken Pulskamp, City Manager
Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Superintendent-President
Ms. Sharon Dawson, City Clerk
Mr. Chris Dasté, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Robert Newman, City of Santa Clarita
Ms. Barbara Boswell, City of Santa Clarita
Ms. Lisa Hardy, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Michael Haviland, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Rick Gould, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Dan Smith, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Phil Lantis, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Dave Peterson, City of Santa Clarita
Ms. Jill Fosselman, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Michael Murphy, City of Santa Clarita
Mr. Kevin Tonoian, City of Santa Clarita
Dr. Philip L. Hartley, Executive Vice President/Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Sharlene Coleal, Dean, Business Services
Dr. Michael Wilding, Acting Vice President, Human Resources & Student Affairs
Mr. Jim Schrage, Dean, Physical Plant and Facilities Planning
Mr. Michael McMahan, Dean, Fine Arts and Humanities
Mr. John McElwain, Director, Public Relations and Marketing
Mr. Eric Harnish, Special Assistant to the Superintendent-President
Ms. Lynne Mayer, Administrative Assistant

President Fortine called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Kellar declared a quorum of the City Council and President Fortine called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**QUORUM
ESTABLISHED
(1.1a and 1.1b)**

The Board of Trustees and City Council conducted a tour of the Performing Arts Center and Athletic Stadium led by Mr. Schrage and Dr. Hartley.

**TOUR OF
PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER AND
ATHLETIC STADIUM
(1.2)**

President Fortine asked Mayor Pro Tem Kellar to lead the flag salute.

**FLAG SALUTE
(1.3)**

President Fortine welcomed all present, noted the uniqueness of a joint meeting between a community college district and city council, and invited members of the audience desiring to address the Board to so indicate and they would be recognized. Mayor Pro Tem Kellar stated that the city was proud to participate in the meeting.

**WELCOME GUESTS
(1.4)**

The Board moved approval of the Agenda for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
(1.5)**

Motion: MacGregor Second: Tichenor Record of Board Vote: 5-0
Student Trustee: Absent

President Fortine asked for any comments. There were none.

**COMMENTS BY
MEMBERS OF THE
AUDIENCE - ITEM
NOT ON THE
AGENDA
(1.6)**

Dr. Van Hook facilitated a presentation on:

- ✓ The history and background of the University Center concept at College of the Canyons.
- ✓ The formation of the Interim University Center
- ✓ The programs it currently offers.

**UPDATE ON THE
UNIVERSITY CENTER
AND PREVIEW OF
NEXT STEPS
(2.2)**

Benefits of the center include:

- ✓ Improving the quality of life in Santa Clarita.
- ✓ Opportunities for pursuing higher education locally.
- ✓ More productive hours for employers (workers do not need to leave work early to attend classes).

When the permanent center opens, it will be the only one of its kind in the nation and will be looked to as a model. Dr. Van Hook also described the fund-raising initiatives the district is undertaking to build the permanent University Center. A copy of Dr. Van Hook's presentation handout is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Mr. Pulskamp gave a short presentation on a partnership effort the city and college are undertaking together:

- ✓ The initiative would allow companies residing in the city to redirect the use taxes they normally pay to the state to the city.
- ✓ On a quarterly basis, the city would divert 50% of all new use tax revenue to the college for its University Center fundraising campaign, up to \$2 million.
- ✓ The partnership agreement would last four years.

At a time of state budget difficulties, the plan represents a new revenue stream for the city that does not currently exist. The City Council will vote on approving the partnership at its October 14 meeting.

Dr. Van Hook added that the Valencia Industrial Association supports the proposal, and is willing to help recruit businesses into the program, thus increasing the revenue that will be generated and the timeframe in which targets will be reached. In addition, the program gives businesses the opportunity to support the University Center by redirecting money they are already spending, thus protecting their bottom line.

A brief question and answer period ensued, with questions from the Board of Trustees and City Council. Councilmember Ferry noted that his wife attends classes at the Interim University Center and discussed some of the benefits of the center, including:

- ✓ It is in a safe location
- ✓ It offers flexible class schedules
- ✓ It saves on commuting time
- ✓ It allows students the opportunity to pursue their education without leaving home
- ✓ The professors are as good as would be found at the main campus of the partner university

Councilmember Weste commended the City and College for their overall spirit of partnership and for working together on the use tax proposal.

Dr. Hartley presented a PowerPoint slide show on the Performing Arts Center (PAC). The PAC is scheduled to be completed in early 2004, with a month-long grand opening scheduled for Fall 2004 after the building has been thoroughly tested to make sure all of its systems are in proper working order. The city and the college will work together to coordinate seasons of performances, and will produce a yearly publication that lists the performances for the coming season.

**PROGRESS REPORT
ON THE
PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER
(2.1)**

A brief question and answer period followed Dr. Hartley's presentation.

Dr. Van Hook and Mr. Pulskamp briefly presented past and current areas of cooperation between the college and the city. Dr. Van Hook distributed a list of things both have agencies have worked on together, are currently involved in, and would like to pursue in the future. A copy of the handout is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**REVIEW OF PAST
PARTNERSHIPS AND
JOINT ACTIVITIES
BETWEEN COLLEGE
OF THE CANYONS
AND THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA
AND DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE
POSSIBILITIES
(2.3)**

Mr. Pulskamp added that he and Dr. Van Hook meet regularly, and staff members from both agencies talk daily. Also, he noted that the city and the college both work for the community's best interests when collaborating.

Mrs. MacGregor briefly discussed the Canyon Country Educational Center and the college's progress in moving that project forward.

The city and the college agreed that regular joint meetings are helpful and work to enhance each agency's commitment to work together within the community as partners.

President Fortine announced the next regular meeting of the Santa Clarita Community College District Board of Trustees will be October 8, 2003.

**CONCLUDING
REMARKS AND
ANNOUNCEMENT OF
NEXT REGULAR
MEETING (3) (10/8/03)
AND ADJOURNMENT
(4)**

There being no additional business, President Fortine adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. Ronald E. Gillis, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Santa Clarita Community College District

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
Superintendent-President
College of the Canyons

Entered in the proceedings of the District _____