

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Measure "M" Citizens' Oversight Committee

October 22, 2013

MINUTES

(Approved)

The Santa Clarita Community College District Measure "M" Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting was held on October 22, 2013 in the Art Gallery, College of the Canyons, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91355

Members Present: Ms. Barbara Cochran
Mr. John Hoskinson
Mr. Nicholas Lentini
Ms. Jill Mellady
Mr. Calvin Hedman
Mr. Michael Hogan (arrived at 3:06 p.m.)
Mr. Ryan Joslin

Members Absent: Mr. Alan Difatta
Mr. Kevin Holmes

Others Present: Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Chancellor (Arrived 3:09 p.m.)
Ms. Sharlene Coleal, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Business Services (Arrived 3:07 p.m.)
Mr. Jim Schrage, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Facilities Planning, Operations and Construction
Ms. Balbir Chandi, Director, Fiscal Services
Ms. Cynthia Fernando, Accounting Technician
Ms. Suzanne Finne, Administrative Coordinator, Chancellor's Office

A quorum was declared and the meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Mr. Lentini.

**Quorum
Established
(1.1)**

The Committee moved approval of the meeting Agenda.

Motion: Hogan Second: Hoskinson Record of Vote: 7-0

**Approval of Agenda
(1.2)**

The Committee moved approval of the October 22, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion: Hogan Second: Hoskinson Record of Vote: 7-0

**Approval of Meeting
Minutes
(1.3)**

Mr. Schrage provided a photo presentation and oral summary of building projects underway on the Valencia campus for Committee members.

Highlights were as represented below:

- Student Services/Administration Building:
 - ✓ 25% of the project is in the dirt.
 - ✓ The timeline going vertical with steel frame was reviewed.
 - ✓ Since August 5, a 120-foot steel crane has been lifting the steel and cranes put the bolts in the holes.
 - ✓ Decks were poured the week of October 15, 2013.
 - ✓ The next phase, waterproofing, is scheduled before the end of the year.
 - ✓ The project is currently two months ahead of schedule.
 - ✓ COC's goal is to have the building completed by the time the accreditation team visits next year.

- Culinary Arts Building
 - ✓ Photos were shared of the former "Village" as it was moved out of the area where the Culinary Arts Institute is being built.
 - ✓ It was noted that the project ran into some delays up front due to some soils irregularities: Before that area was filled in many years ago, someone had buried trees and shrubs. This called for the current excavation team to keep digging until "natural fill" was hit.
 - ✓ The area is now compacted fill and set to spec.
 - ✓ Underground utilities are going in.

Mr. Lentini thanked Mr. Schrage and noted it is important that the Committee receive updates as to where the money from the bonds is going.

Ms. Coleal reviewed the Life-to-Date Expenses report for the Committee by Project ending 6/30/13.

Overview of Upcoming Measure "M" Funded Projects: Culinary Arts, Student Services/Administration, Technology (2.1)

Review of Life-to-Date Expenses by Project (3.1)

Ms. Coleal reviewed the Life-to-Date Expenses report for the Committee by Project ending 9/30/13.

Review of Life-to-Date Expenses by Project (3.2)

Ms. Coleal reviewed the Measure M Match to be provided by the State Scheduled Maintenance Block Grant Funding

Measure M Provides Match for State Scheduled Maintenance Block Grant Funding (3.3)

Mr. Lentini asked for any items from the floor.

**Comments by Members
of the Audience on Any
Item Not on the Agenda
(4.1)**

- Dr. Van Hook offered her comments and insight on several topics:
 - ✓ First, she thanked the Committee for taking time out of their schedules to meet and serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee, and underscored how we have moved our meeting venue around both campuses to showcase the buildings and projects funded by Measure M dollars.
 - ✓ Second, she noted that part of the challenge as we began to build the Administration & Student Services structure was to get the full amount of matching funds we were expecting from the State at the time we broke ground on this building. She noted that Jim Schrage has been tenacious on this front! Mr. Schrage has to be given credit, since he often went "into the ring" with Fred Harris [State Chancellor's office] about who was going to keep the savings on the Administration & Student Services building. And we won! (Go Jim!)
 - ✓ Third, she explained the impact of the lack of a statewide construction bond being placed before the voters.
 - As a result of the State's delay in placing GO Bonds on the ballot, we do not have the matching funds from the State for projects for which we have received approval at the state level.
 - The good news is that as the economy continues its recovery and construction costs increase, our funding match to State funds is affected: our local contribution is reduced to a 15% match on the first two buildings at the Canyon Country Campus instead of the 50% match that we budgeted for each project. Great News!
 - That means we have more local dollars to help provide future State matching dollars needed to get more State money.
 - We will only issue [future bonds] in an amount that we know we will be able to spend, in a timeframe when we receive a match from the State.
 - ✓ Fourth, relative to the Culinary Arts Institute, reinforced that the Culinary Arts initiative is **all local funding**.
 - We were able to use savings from the Library Expansion and put \$3 million of that savings into the Culinary building.
 - The rest of the funding is being raised by the Foundation and grants.
 - ✓ Fifth, in answer to a question about parking demand, she noted that the College had rented a lot on Tourney Road for the fall semester and arranged shuttle services to expand spaces for students and staff during the first three to four weeks of the

semester due to anticipated demand.

- Of the 250 spaces rented, only 50 were utilized regularly during this timeframe.
- Stated that for every building we open at CCC, we can count on a 5%-6% migration of student population from Valencia to CCC so we expect relief on the demand of the Valencia site.
- Seventy-eight percent of CCC students took most of their classes at the campus.
- The only thing preventing more students from attending CCC is the lack of space which limits offerings.

The Committee discussed the next timeframe for a meeting, and January was selected. The specific date depends upon the first Board of Trustees meeting of the year.

Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment (5.1)

The Chair moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Motion: Lentini

Second: Hoskinson

Record of Vote: 7-0

Following adjournment, Mr. Schrage and Dr. Van Hook toured the Committee members around the Administration & Student Services building site to view the progress of the Measure M funded building.