

Solano Community College District
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
August 4, 2008 – 5:30 pm
Bldg. 400, Room 414

UNADOPTED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 5:35 pm, Monday, August 4, 2008, in Room 414 of the Student Services Center, Solano Community College by Bruce DuClair, Chairperson.

Members Present:

Bruce DuClair, Taxpayers' Association
Jan Cox Golovich, Civic/Professional
Lillian Nelson, Student Trustee Representative
Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Business Organization

Members Absent:

Betty Frank, Senior Citizen Organization
Carol Landry, Business Organization

Others Present:

Gerald F. Fisher, Supt-President
Mazie L. Brewington, Vice President, Business Services
Ron Richards, Program Manager, Kitchell CEM
Lester Young, Program Manager, Kitchell CEM
Judy K. Anderson, Executive Assistant, Business Services

I. APPROVE AGENDA:

- Motion (Lillian Nelson), second (Jan Cox Golovich) to approve the August 4 meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVE MINUTES:

- Motion (Lillian Nelson), second (Jan Cox Golovich) to approve the May 5 meeting minutes with the following amendment: *Jan Cox Golovich indicated that under Item IV, Bullet #8, Ms. Golovich referred to Vallejo's Hogan High School, rather than Benicia.* Motion passed unanimously.

III. MEASURE G PROJECT UPDATES & FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- Ron Richards, Kitchell Program Manager, provided an update on the Measure G bond projects and financial summary from the August 6 report to the Board.
- Ron reported that Measure G expenditures to-date total \$80.6 million. The Vallejo Center makes up the majority of the total cost (\$22 million).
- Mazie Brewington reported that bids for the Vacaville Center project were opened on July 30, and the engineer's estimate for the project was \$18 million, and the low bid amount was \$14 million. As a result, the expected savings will go to the program

reserve to prioritize future projects. It's anticipated that there will be additional dollars available to fund the Theater (\$5 million) and Bldg. 1300 (\$3 million).

- Bruce DuClair asked about Bldg. 700's 274% budget overage. Ron replied that on the Financial Summary, Bldg. 700/800/900 Construction & Renovation, lines 4, 22, & 23 were rolled together as one project; however, the majority of the costs was in line 22 and showed a disproportionate delta.
- Mazie indicated likewise the same for lines 5 & 6, the ADA Project Phases I & II. All costs went into line 6. Although the project is in two phases, they should be combined into one for presentation purposes.
- Jan Cox Golovich asked if all the revenue figures are from Measure G. Lillian Nelson answered that not all are Measure G. For example, the Bldg. 1400 Student Fees, are generated from the students and concerns were expressed from the students, particularly the academic clubs, that the building's extension (Faculty Dining Extension) "belongs" to the faculty.
- S/P Fisher explained that Bldg. 1400's Faculty Dining Extension space belongs to the District—it's not specifically assigned to only the faculty. Student fees of \$1 per credit with a maximum of \$10 per semester goes to the Bldg. 1400 Student Union fund and is augmenting renovation costs.
- Rozzana Verder-Aliga asked how long will the fee be assessed. S/P Fisher replied the fee is permanent and can be also used for maintenance purposes.
- Lillian Nelson noted that the District is fortunate to have a Student Health Center and its space will expand to better serve the students.
- Bruce DuClair commented that the students have a \$1.5 million financial interest in the building and should have some voice in how the funds are used.
- S/P Fisher indicated that discussions around student fees are outside the scope of the CBOC's purpose, and he will hold discussions with the relevant bargaining units.
- Bruce DuClair noticed the increased budget allocation for Bldgs. 1200 & 1300, and this is due to the possible augmentation from the reserve program. Ron replied that the scope of work will increase due to roofing and seismic renovations. The extent, however, is still to be determined. To date, the building committees have met twice.
- S/P Fisher added that Bldgs. 1200 & 1300 are the last two instructional buildings under Measure G. Although construction activities are a year out on commencing, Lester Young commented that the Bldg. 1200 committee has a wish list that will require being within the scope of the budget.
- Bruce DuClair stated that it's normal for aging buildings to have problems, and Mazie added that she has seen other bond project budgets with a "destructive investigation" expense to determine the infrastructure challenges that exist. Unfortunately, the Measure G budget does not contain this line item. Bldg. 700, for instance, had extensive unforeseen conditions in the ceiling.

IV. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- The CBOC has three openings and are looking for replacement members. One small notice was in the local papers. Mazie Brewington will contact the District's Public Information Officer to get expanded coverage in hopes of attracting applicants.

V. CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOUR OF BLDGS. 1400, 1700 AND 1800A.

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.
- The CBOC proceeded with a tour of current construction projects. The tour was led by Ron Richards and Lester Young, Program Managers with Kitchell.

VI. ITEMS/ISSUES FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- None presented.

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