

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MEASURE I CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

College of the Sequoias
Sequoias Building, Room 1
915 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277

Tuesday, March 13, 2012
5:30 pm

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Measure I

Betty Anthony, Bob Bricker, Mary Lou Burbery, Melissa Miller, Dena Cochran,
Phil Cox, Norma Freeborn, Bob Line, Tom Link, Jerry Long, Tom Brodersen

Members Present: Bob Line, Norma Freeborn, Betty Anthony, Bob Bricker, Dena Cochran,
Mary Lou Burbery, Tom Link, Jerry Long, Phil Cox

Members Absent: Tom Brodersen
COS ASB Student Rep

COS Representatives Present:

Brent Calvin, Superintendent/President
Doug Brinkley, VP Administrative Services
Eric Mittlestead, Dean, Facilities and Planning
Janet Barbeiro, Executive Assistant to the President

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bob Line called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of September 13, 2011 Minutes

Betty Anthony moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2011; Dena Cochran
seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Financial Report/Progress Report on Measure I Projects

Eric Mittlestead reviewed the progress on Measure I projects

Phil Cox asked if there is a pot of money for deferred maintenance in the future since we cannot count on state money.

Eric Mittlestead stated we don't have enough deferred maintenance for large projects, but we can do small projects. We do have a capital outlay fund to use to help match the state monies and redevelopment monies which have since gone away.

Tom Link asked what is going on with the CDC.

Eric Mittlestead stated that he is meeting with an architect tomorrow to find out exactly how much it will cost to replace the building. Although we don't have the money, we need to know how much money it would take.

President Calvin explained there were a couple of options on repairing this building but we didn't feel it would meet the expectations of the employees working in the building. The board just purchased an insurance policy for any future mold issues to protect ourselves.

5. Proposition 39 General Obligation Bonds Audit Report – June 30, 2011

Chairman Line asked if everyone had reviewed this document and if there were any comments or questions.

Phil Cox stated he noted there are no exceptions throughout the entire report which is a good thing.

Doug Brinkley noted that on page four is the summary in which the auditor states "the College of the Sequoias Community College District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Revenue Bond Construction Fund (Proposition 39) and that such expenditures were made for costs authorized by the voters of the District." This is the true responsibility of this oversight committee.

Bob Line stated he did report to the Board of Trustees the Annual Report at their November meeting and our findings for the year.

Motion was made by Phil Cox to accept the Proposition 39 General Obligation Bonds Audit Report dated June 30, 2011 as presented. Mary Lou Burbery seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Committee Member Report on Feedback from the Community

Chairman Line reminded the committee to feel free to call the President for anything that they hear in order to obtain correct information. As a committee member, it is our job to relay correct information to the public.

Phil Cox stated that he has heard a lot of grumblings from folks who are not happy with the mold issue in the child development center. The second item he has heard about is the parking lot design and where the entrance and exits are located. There is a lot of grumbling from the community as it looks bad. It stinks.

Bob Bricker stated there are people who get lost in the parking lot.

Mary Lou Burbery said she has noted that there are a lot of people who exit onto Woodland the wrong way.

Bob Line said he recalls there were issues with the city in regards to the design

Eric Mittlestead clarified it was a combination of the city, our architect and the Visalia Police Department who came up with the design, so we felt obligated to go with the city's design. There was also the issue of the valley oak trees and being able to preserve them. He has also heard the grumbling.

President Calvin stated he has also heard the grumbling from the community and also in some of the classrooms when he visits them. We will talk with the city and our consultants to see if we can mitigate some future traffic issues

Mary Lou Burbery stated the neighbors have noted the overall landscaping and plants look really nice.

Jerry Long asked how the budget shortfall will affect admissions for this fall.

President Calvin said it has affected us because we eliminated summer school last year and this year, along with class offering reductions for the fall. It is a real challenge because we are capped in what we get paid for. We are doing the best we can, but it is becoming increasingly hard with the reduction in budget.

Bob Line asked how the use of the track going is.

President Calvin stated he believes it is working out great. It is open from 5-8 am and pm and also during classroom hours. He believes it has been well received.

8. Date of Next Meeting

After discussion, the consensus of the committee was to meet again on September 4, 2012 for their next meeting starting at 5:30 PM.

9. Items for Next Agenda

Have the annual report prepared in draft form.

Phil Cox asked to have committee members terms looked at.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.