

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

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2009
5:30 pm

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Measure I

Dr. Robert Aguilar, Betty Anthony, Bob Bricker, Mary Lou Burbery, Dena Cochran, Phil Cox,
Norma Freeborn, Bob Line, Tom Link, Jerry Long, Denaé Moreno, Robert Phillips

Members Present: Dr. Robert Aguilar, Betty Anthony, Bob Bricker, Mary Lou Burbery, Phil Cox,
Norma Freeborn, Bob Line, Jerry Long, Denaé Moreno, Robert Phillips

Members Absent: Dena Cochran, Tom Link

COS Representatives Present:

Bill Scroggins, Superintendent/President
Rod Frese, Vice President, Administrative Services
Eric Mittlestead, Dean, Facilities and Planning
Tim Hollabaugh, Dean, Information Technology
Shirley Rankin, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/President
Annette Bishop, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Academic Services

Guests Present: Josh McDonnell, Principal Planner with Quad Knopf, Visalia

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bob Line called the meeting or order. He announced Eric Mittlestead will lead a tour of the building projects immediately following the meeting and asked committee members unable to participate to let him know so they could be scheduled to take part in a tour at a later date.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of March 3, 2009 Minutes

Phil Cox moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Betty Anthony seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

The updated project list was distributed to the committee members and Dr. Scroggins explained the status of items 1A through 18. He detailed the Career Pathways project under line item 4C and also explained line item 17 which allows for budget overruns and can also be used to deposit unexpended funds, such as the \$30,094 under line item 11B. This provides for flexibility in the expenditure of the funds while staying within the scope of Measure I.

Eric Mittlestead explained the State approved the \$3,197,000 for line item 11C; however, Rod Frese emphasized that reimbursement will not be forthcoming until the State is able to sell bonds.

Eric noted the theater restrooms, line item 14C, are now in the process of being upgraded. Line item 16, bond general expense, pays for program management, Quad Knopf, project manager.

Dr. Frese related a detailed expenditure list is available to interested committee members.

Answering a question regarding the bond sales in the face of reductions in property tax revenues, Dr. Scroggins answered COS' biggest concern is not to exceed the \$25.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. He added COS is well within the limitations of the valuation assessment. A short discussion followed.

5. Progress Report on Purchase of Houses Located Between Laurel and Tulare Avenues

Dr. Frese explained the various issues COS is dealing with to facilitate the purchase of the above homes, such as life tenancy and the difference between purchase price and appraised value. COS is working with a local real estate agent, Gerrie Giotta, and a local appraiser. A discussion regarding the pros and cons of moving the homes followed.

Dr. Frese further explained one of the homes COS is planning to purchase is owned by the Foundation. Occasionally the Foundation functions as an agent of the district involving sales the district is not authorized to perform. The district would pay the same amount the Foundation paid when they purchased the home.

The district plans to have all the homes vacated by May 2010.

6. Expansion of the Scope of the Track and Field Renovation Project

Josh McDonnell reported COS investigated the possibility to build the new track and artificial turf field to competition level specifications. Demolishing the two former indoor racquetball facilities would create enough additional space for a competition level track and field area and soccer facility. Per preliminary estimates, the additional cost would be approximately \$400,000 which includes portable bleachers for seating 800 – 1000 spectators.

Maintenance and operations, which is currently using the racquetball facilities, would be moved to a new 4,000 square foot metal building. The cost for this building is included in the preliminary estimate of \$400,000.

Dr. Scroggins added creating a competition level track and field and soccer area would still be within the scope of Measure I. Josh McDonnell will proceed with the official cost estimating and report back at the next meeting.

Answering a question, Josh explained that artificial turf is difficult to maintain and a decision will have to be made what level of public availability this track should have. Dr. Scroggins added this might be accomplished through organized activities, under the rubric of community education.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The committee agreed meetings will be quarterly. By consensus, the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 25, at 5:30 pm.

8. Items for Next Agenda

Denaé Moreno asked to provide students with information regarding the expenses, the building progress, lighting, emergency telephones, etc. once every semester. Dr. Frese volunteered to meet with the students and to present the updates requested.

Answering a question by Robert Phillips regarding e-mailing all students with information/updates on the building progress, Dr. Scroggins answered making this information accessible to everyone might be best accomplished by the Campus newspaper. He suggested for the Associated Students to contact Professor Judy House about publishing these updates.

Robert Phillips also asked for student input to help decide on the placement of the emergency telephones and lighting. Dr. Scroggins suggested for a student focus group to discuss this with Josh McDonnell.

Phil Cox expressed his appreciation for the updates on the project list and the purchase of homes and asked to continue these updates at the upcoming meetings.

9. Tour of Measure I Project/s

Eric Mittlestead detailed the tour of the facilities following the meeting. He presented a preview of the proposed locations of the Code Blue Project. A short discussion followed. He then explained the operation of the Energy Management System and related that Measure I funds will enable COS to have all campuses on this system.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.
Committee Members then toured the building projects with Eric Mittlestead.