

College of the Sequoias Community College District  
Measure I  
Citizens' Oversight Committee

Minutes  
Tuesday, August 25, 2009  
5:30 pm

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

**Members Present:** Bob Bricker, Mary Lou Burbery, Dena Cochran, Phil Cox, Norma Freeborn, Bob Line, Tom Link and Rafael Anguiano (Proxy for Denaé Moreno)

**Members Absent:** Robert Aguilar, Betty Anthony, and Jerry Long

**COS Representatives Present:**

Rod Frese, Vice President, Administrative Services; Eric Mittlestead, Dean, Facilities and Facilities Planning Annette Bishop, Executive Assistant to the VP, Academic Services; Shirley Rankin, Executive Assistant to the Supt/ President

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

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Bob Line called the meeting to order. Mr. Line introduced Rafael Anguiano (Proxy for student member Denaé Moreno). Rafael is the Associated Student Body (ASB) President this year and serves on the Measure J (Tulare) Citizens' Oversight Committee.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no comments. Chairman Line asked if the Committee members had an opportunity to tour the new Nursing Building on August 14. Following some discussion it was decided that Eric Mittlestead would lead a tour of the Nursing Building 30 minutes prior to the start of the next meeting for anyone that was interested.

Chairman Line reminded everyone that the Bond Oversight Committee meetings are open and public meetings and that anyone is welcome to come to the meetings.

**3. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2009**

Norma Freeborn moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mary Lou Burbery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. Financial Report**

Chairman Line advised that the financial report for Measure I is now posted on the college's Web site. He expressed concern for the state bonds being sold in the current economy and how the Measure I bonds will continue to sell. Dr. Frese advised that \$6 million in Measure I bonds were recently sold as were an additional amount of State construction bonds. He commented that he did not believe there was need to worry in the near future.

Dena Cochran asked about the article she read in the newspaper over the weekend about the college using Measure I money for payment of a loan to pay for parking as well as a new campus copier system. She asked if the college was sure the use of Measure I funds for these issues was okay. Administrative Services Vice President Rod Frese advised that the language for the Measure I bond specifically included language for parking and technology. The campus copier system is an integrated system throughout the campus and qualifies as technology. The copy machines not only make copies, they scan, email documents to individuals, and are computer printers. The machines are placed in student labs as well as offices throughout the campus. Chairman Line asked if the changes were approved by bond counsel. Dr. Frese advised they were reviewed with bond counsel for appropriateness before being moved to the Measure I project list.

Chairman Line advised that he would like to hear feedback from the committee members as to what they are hearing in the community with regard to the facilities that are currently going up. Mary Lou Burberry advised that she has heard favorable comments about the new parking lot as well as interest in the new gym that is going up. Phil Cox indicated that he has heard favorable comments on the work that is being done, particularly that the work looks good.

**5. Progress Report on Measure I Projects**

Eric Mittlestead updated the committee on the current status of the Measure I projects.

Josh McDonnell reported that the Visalia Campus Planning Team is looking to add more Code Blue [Emergency] Phones on campus. The two Blue Phones in the new parking lot are scheduled to be activated next week.

Josh McDonnell advised that the updated plans for the track are 50 percent complete and are scheduled to be sent to the Department of the State Architect at the beginning of October for approval. He commented that he would have the updated plans available for review at the next meeting.

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

Rod Frese reported that the Board has approved the purchase of three houses: 2120 W. Tulare Avenue, 2020 W. Tulare Avenue, and 2001 W. Laurel Avenue. He commented that it is not the college's intent to obtain any of the houses using eminent domain although it was mentioned on the documents sent to the home owners. The college plans to negotiate with the home owners. So far the purchases have been more complex than expected and the process is taking longer. He reviewed other options given to the home owners, i.e., the home owners moving the house to another property. They are also letting the home owners of any house purchased live in the house rent free until May.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The date for next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 17. The committee asked if the meeting could begin at 5 pm with a tour of the new Hospital Rock (Nursing) Building. Staff was asked to poll the committee to verify that the date will work for the majority.

**8. Items for Next Agenda**

Chairman Line asked that in addition to the items that are on the agenda each time (Progress Reports, Financial Reports, etc.) "Comments from the Committee" added to future agendas. He would like members to share their thoughts about the projects and finances as well as what they are hearing from the community.

**9. Adjourn**

Chairman Line adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.