

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, November 17, 2009
5:00 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

Members Present: Betty Anthony, Bob Bricker, Mary Lou Burbery, Phil Cox, Norma Freeborn,
Bob Line, Jerry Long, and Denaé Moreno

Members Absent: Dr. Robert Aguilar

COS Representatives Present:

Bill Scroggins, Superintendent/President
Eric Mittlestead, Dean, Facilities and Planning
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

Prior to the meeting, Eric Mittlestead led a tour of the completed nursing building (Hospital Rock) for all interested committee members.

1. **Call to Order**
Committee Chair Bob Line called the meeting or order.
2. **Public Comments**
There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of August 25, 2009 Minutes**
Betty Anthony moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mary Lou Burbery seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Financial Report**
As Dr. Frese was absent, Chairman Line reminded everyone that all financial aspects were addressed thoroughly during the last meeting. Some of the financial information will be available in line item six, the Program Report on Measure I projects.
5. **Updated Plans for the Track**
Josh McDonnell provided handouts of a conceptual site plan for the track and explained the layout and plans. He related the track will be expanded to an eight lane competition level track

facility with an artificial turf infield, which will also accommodate a full soccer field. This will enable the COS soccer teams to play their home games on campus, allow track meets, and provide a practice area for the football team. He cautioned the projects are being prioritized with the turf field and the track as number one, followed by going from a four-lane to an eight-lane track. This involves demolishing the old handball courts, currently used by the college for storage. Additional plans are to add practice level lighting and seating to accommodate up to 800 spectators. A short discussion followed.

Answering a question, Josh McDonnell replied this construction, planned for Spring 2011, would affect the walk and jog classes; the PE department is aware of this.

Chairman Line asked Josh or Eric to address the plans for landscaping around the gym and the track. Josh advised that landscape buffers will be installed, small trees might be possible between the gym and the sidewalk.

6. Progress Report on Measure I Projects

Dr. Scroggins updated the committee on the current status of the Measure I projects, handouts of the spreadsheet were provided.

Item 2, Purchase Houses South of Campus: Dr. Scroggins reported approximately \$500,000 has been spent to purchase homes. Negotiations are on a case-by-case basis with the individual homeowners. Eleven homes remain to be acquired, with one purchase waiting to be approved at the January board meeting. It is planned to complete all purchases by the middle of 2010; however, this might take a little longer with the issues being encountered. The college wants to avoid utilizing eminent domain if at all possible.

Dr. Scroggins reported the college held a grand opening in the remodeled theater with the Fall Play which went very well. Committee members concurred.

Dr. Scroggins reviewed the spreadsheet listing the individual bond projects and their costs.

Answering a question regarding the status of the gym, Eric Mittlestead advised that the building is approximately two months behind schedule. It was discovered that the building was too close to Southern California Edison's lines. This is being mitigated now; however, he emphasized the project is not over budget, this is merely a time extension. Eric added once this mitigation is completed they will regroup and assess the impact to see how much time was actually lost, as work continued on a number of auxiliary projects during this time.

Asked how leftover monies would be used if all Measure I projects come in under budget, Dr. Scroggins replied there are still a number of uncertainties, such as the state bond for the remodel of the Kern building. A short discussion followed, Dr. Scroggins cautioned that the college cannot add a project to the scope of the bond that is not supported by the bond language.

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

This item was addressed under number six.

8. Student Feedback on Measure I Projects

Denaé Moreno thanked Dr. Scroggins on behalf of the student body for taking time to address students' questions. She related students were told that all information regarding the Measure I projects, such as plans, meeting summaries, etc., are posted online. She asked if information is available through other sources, Dr. Scroggins replied the Annual Report will be forthcoming during the upcoming Spring. Students can also contact the Facilities or Fiscal Services offices.

Students also asked about funds used from the reserve; Dr. Scroggins explained this was done to pay for projects to be able to go forward before bond monies were available, such as pre-planning and architectural plans. The money will be returned to the reserves when the construction funds are received from the state.

9. Committee Members Report on Feedback from the Community

The size of the gym and the gym being close to Woodland Avenue appear to be of some concern in the community. Discussion followed regarding the future expansion of Tulare Avenue and zoning changes planned for this area.

Eric related he spoke to the Woodlake Rotary club and explained all of the district's projects; the feedback was positive and appreciative. Chairman Line reported he also has received many positive comments.

Asked about the gym's seating capacity, Eric replied the building's capacity is 2,000, with the seating capacity at approximately 1,100 – 1,200. Dr. Scroggins added the gym can also serve to hold graduations and be a venue for conferences.

Chairman Line related there were many favorable comments about the new Nursing building. He added there are concerns about the new parking lot on the corner of Woodland and Noble Avenues regarding students crossing Woodland Avenue without using the cross walk.

Dr. Scroggins noted it is not in the college's long-term plan to retain the property it owns on the east side of Mooney Blvd., across from COS.

Chairman Line encouraged committee members to continue to bring community feedback to the committee.

10. Membership Terms

The committee has four one-year terms ending in March which are held by Phil Cox, Mary Lou Burbery, Denaé Moreno, and the second student representative (currently vacant). If the members are interested in continuing their membership they could be re-appointed for a two-year term to continue staggering the terms. Mary Lou Burbery and Phil Cox both agreed to continue to serve on the committee; Dr. Scroggins will bring this before the Board of Trustees for approval. The student representatives will have to go through the application process.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The committee agreed meetings will be quarterly. By consensus, the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:30 pm.

12. Items for Next Agenda

No special agenda items were brought forward. A possible tour of the fully equipped Hospital Rock building and the adaptive PE addition were discussed.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.