

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

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

Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2010
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, Robert Honsby, Bob Line, Tom Link, Jerry Long, Denaé Moreno

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

Members Absent: Dr. Robert Aguilar, Tom Link

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

1. **Call to Order**
Committee Chair Bob Line called the meeting or order at 5:45 pm.
2. **Public Comments**
There were no public comments.
3. **Tour of Porter Field House**
Committee members agreed to move the tour to the end of the meeting.
4. **Approval of February 9, 2010 Minutes**
Betty Anthony moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Jerry Long seconded the motion. Phil Cox abstained as he was not in attendance that day. Motion carried.
5. **Financial Report/Progress Report on Measure I Projects**
Dr. Scroggins referred to the spreadsheet of the individual bond projects, current as of March 31, 2010. He related all projects are in line to be completed in approximately the next 18 months, except for item 1A, the Kern building remodel; \$4,500.00 is budgeted as a match to be eligible for state funds, however, a state bond needs to pass for the match to occur and the project has to rank high enough within the state point system. The next possible date for a state bond is 2012. He added the longer it takes for a state bond to pass the more bonds compete against each other, making it difficult to predict which projects get funded. The college will sell an additional \$5 million in bonds to fund the projects coming up in the next 18 months. He cautioned that once the bonds are sold they have to be encumbered within 36 months.

Dr. Scroggins then explained projects 1B through 19. Regarding item # 2, the purchase of houses south of campus, all but four purchases are completed. One house is in the process for eminent domain with the owner's approval; two are currently in difficult negotiations. The fourth house is owned by the COS Foundation.

Phil Cox added he received a couple of lengthy telephone calls from one of the homeowners complaining about the process of the negotiations. He suggested the homeowner call Dr. Scroggins directly.

The time line for the demolition of houses has now been revised to September 1, 2010. Dr. Scroggins added it is hoped that enough funds will be left over for site development within the scope of the bond.

One of the committee members mentioned the problem of trash in the parking lots; a number of possible solutions were discussed.

Project # 2A: Dr. Scroggins related after investigating the cost effectiveness of auctioning off the more valuable houses, it was determined that all houses will be demolished. However, some of the items which could be used for the college are to be rescued.

Project # 5: Eric Mittlestead reported as soon as the last invoices are received and paid for; this project will be marked completed and any leftover balances will be removed by the next committee meeting.

Item # 11C: Dr. Scroggins explained the amount of \$2,316.353 was put aside about 1 ½ years ago when the state was unable to sell bonds. The state is now paying the college back and these monies will become available for other projects. Bob Line emphasized that this amount is not repaid out of state general funds.

Projects 14A, B, and C are also completed.

There were no additional questions by the committee members regarding any of the projects.

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

This was addressed under item 2A and B above.

7. Annual Report

Committee members reviewed the draft of the 2009-2010 Annual Report to be presented to the Board of Trustees in June. It was suggested to include the amended plans for the soccer field and the revised time line for the purchase/demolition of the houses and the Kalwall (John Muir building). Dr. Scroggins agreed; he added the report would be current as of today.

A question was asked if Dr. Aguilar should continue to be the Vice-Chair of this committee as he has not been present since the organizational meeting. The committee decided to contact him and ask if he is still interested in serving on the oversight committee.

Phil Cox moved to approve the annual report with the changes suggested. Mary Lou Burbery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Committee Members Report on Feedback from the Community

Betty Anthony commented that she has heard many positive comments regarding the theater; several other committee members concurred. There were also questions about how the track would be enlarged. Bob Line reminded the committee to call the college any time with questions and not wait until the committee meets.

The physical growth of the campus appears to be a concern to some community members. A short discussion about the new Tulare College and the Hanford Educational Center followed. Answering a question, Dr. Scroggins replied that COS does not own Mearle's Drive-In, however, it owns the parking lot just south of Mearle's.

9. Date of Next Meeting

By consensus, the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 5:30 pm.
Phil Cox asked if the meetings could be held on a different day of the week; after a short discussion he withdrew his request.

10. Items for Next Agenda

Bob Line asked the student representatives to report feedback from the student body regarding the progress of the Measure I projects.

Phil Cox asked if there is a plan to utilize the savings from the various projects. Dr. Scroggins replied there are approximately \$600,000 savings from the purchase/demolition of the houses, these monies are planned to augment the plans for a full parking lot. Additional savings would be kept open to fund technology and maintenance as the college no longer receives matching funds from the state.

The difficulty of maintaining the additional buildings in Tulare and Hanford due to staffing restrictions was also discussed.

Bob Line encouraged the committee members to let Shirley know of any additional agenda items.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm; committee members then toured the Porter Field House.