

Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure L April 4, 2008

Members Present

John Anderson Terence Donovan Henry Monroy

Marlene Best Cathy Kennerson Dr. Barbara Macci-Trethewey,
Dr. F. Paul Chounet David Lopez Chair

Absent: Bertha Morris Recorder: Mary Carter

Consultants: John Lau, Vice President for Business Services, Jimmy Sanders, Architect, Rick Webster, Director of Maintenance, Niel Pollock and Brent Goodwin, Nielsen Construction

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., by Dr. Barbara Macci-Trethewey.

<u>New member</u>: Dr. Paul Chounet was introduced as a new member of the committee. He is an associate superintendent with the Brawley Elementary District and the President of the Brawley Chamber of Commerce.

1. <u>Approval of Minutes:</u> M/S/C Anderson/Monroy to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2008 meeting as presented.

2. Update on Science Building:

- Phase II bidding: John Lau reported on the bids awarded for Phase II of the Science Building.
 - o The bid opening for 12 packages was held April 12
 - \$18.2 million in contracts were awarded
 - o approximately \$9 million of the contracts went to local contractors
 - Brent Goodwin stated that local participation was 53%, but with the other contractors buying some material locally, the economic impact will be higher
 - Niel Pollock stated that there were more bidders than expected due to the downturn in housing construction; however, due to the volatility in the metals market it is hard to budget for construction projects.
 - John Lau stated that the project cost is estimated at \$34 million
- > Project update: Niel Pollock reported:
 - o the first coordination meeting with contractor was held
 - o the staking of the building lines has been done
 - o the underground work starts Monday
 - Jimmy Sanders stated that the completion date is August 3, 2009, and the construction schedule will be reviewed weekly.
- Phase III bidding: John Lau reported:
 - o a bid opening will be held May 8 for the next round of bids
 - o the project estimates will be revised once the bid results are in

- "Green" features of the Science Building: Jimmy Sanders reported on the environmental features of the Science Building: The design of the Science Building will provide a building constructed to reduce energy consumption.
 - Cool roofs
 - Furred walls on the interior side of concrete masonry walls with additional insulation
 - o Additional insulation above ceiling
 - o Four skylights in the central corridor provide natural light. The skylight feature a high tech design allowing transmission of light with very little heat transfer.
 - o High performance exterior glazing
 - All labs and classrooms feature ERV units. The ERV's use the cool air being exhausted to the outside to reduce the temperature of the fresh air entering the building for the fresh air make up.
 - o The building will be submitted for LEED certification.
 - The carbon footprint of the project is low due to many of the raw materials being produced within a close proximity to the project.
 - o The roof is designed to accommodate solar panels in the future.

3. Update on Bond Fund projects:

- Career Technical Building: John Lau reported that the College is looking at the pros and cons of pursuing state funding of \$14 to \$16 million for the Career Technical Building. Mr. Lau will update the committee in May.
- Library Addition: The state will not fund the Library addition project; classroom projects have higher priority.
- <u>Budget</u>: John Lau reported that the two highest budget priorities are the Science Building and Career Technical building. The College must budget at least \$16 million for the Career Technical building (in case State funding is not received). A revised budget overview will be developed after all bids have been awarded on the Science Building, and a cash flow analysis has been done.
- Project Tour: John Lau invited the committee to visit the construction site. The College is also planning on reporting on the project to various local service clubs.
- 4. Expenditure Report: The committee reviewed an expenditure report for 2007-08: expenditures as of April 4, 2008 are \$3,848,943.78 and cash in the County Treasury is \$39,543,906.52.
- 5. <u>Membership update</u>: The committee discussed the need to recruit early to fill five seats that will be affected by the two term limit. The committee must have a minimum of seven members, and must include representative of a senior citizen group, tax payer group, a student, and a Foundation member. It is also important to avoid conflict of interest (committee members cannot do business with the College).

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.