

Yosemite Community College District

**Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes**

YCCD Board Room  
October 1, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Nick Cretan, David Geer, Gary McKinsey, Debbie Paffendorf, Betty Ann Prescott, Richard York, Terry Plett

**Members Absent:** Patrick Sweeney, James West

**Others Present:** Matt Kennedy, Tim Nesmith, Mark Newton, Teresa Scott, Nick Stavrianoudakis, Gary Whitfield, Andrew Paffendorf, Graciela Molina (recorder)

**1. Call to Order**

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Meeting was called to order by Chair Richard York at 6:02 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room. He informed the committee that he would be leaving the meeting early and called for a motion to have Nick Cretan serve as temporary Vice Chairperson. Nick Cretan made the motion and David Geer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2008 Meeting**

The meeting minutes of July 2, 2008 were approved by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A motion was made by Terry Plett and seconded by David Geer. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Comments from the Public**

Richard York made mention of the Columbia College Insight newsletter which included information regarding Measure E Projects, and that the Madrone groundbreaking ceremony received good press. He encouraged CBOC membership attendance at future groundbreaking/ribbon cutting ceremonies.

**4. Committee Membership**

Chair Richard York reported out on committee membership; Columbia College Student Representative Jayme Johnson officially resigned from the committee and the Stanislaus County Law Enforcement Executives submitted a notice of resignation. Nick Stavrianoudakis, Public Affairs Director, reported that a press release regarding filling the vacancy left by Michael Gianelli was sent to newspapers in the region and introduced at MJC and Columbia College Foundation meetings. As of today, no applications have been received. A new press release will be sent out to media and special interest groups (i.e., college support organization, Associated Students MJC, Associated Students Columbia College) regarding the additional vacancies that have become open on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

**5. Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2009**

Chair Richard York reviewed the proposed 2009 meeting schedule with committee members. Members agreed to the meeting dates and requested future tours of Measure E project sites. Mark Newton recommended tours for the following meeting dates: January 7 - Calaveras Educational Site; April 1 - MJC Ag Housing Project; and July 1 - Columbia College Madrone and Public Safety Projects. No tour is currently scheduled for the October 7, 2009, CBOC meeting. Once locations for the various meetings are identified, staff will forward membership a final meeting schedule.

## 6. Approval of Annual Report

Nick Stavrianoudakis, Public Affairs Director, provided CBOC members with the 2007-08 Annual Report final draft prior to the meeting. He thanked Kitchell Staff Matt Kennedy and Mark Newton, the CBOC Annual Report Committee, Shawna Dean, and the Chancellor's Office Staff for their support in putting the report together. A motion to accept the Annual Report was made by Terry Plett and seconded by Nick Cretan. The motion carried unanimously. Nick Stavrianoudakis reported that local media would be provided the web-link to the CBOC 2007-08 Annual Report #3. Committee members requested an additional five (5) copies be mailed to membership for distribution and Chair Duke York requested that copies be forwarded to other community colleges. Staff will move forward on the request.

## 7. Bond Update

Mark Newton provided a PowerPoint presentation on the MJC Parking Lot; the lot will provide 9-handicap, 314 regular and 132 compact parking stalls; a net gain of 255 stalls will yield a total of 455 stalls. In an effort to focus on student safety, students will be guided to designated walkways that will force pedestrians to identified crosswalks on Tully Road; a recommendation for pavement flashers along the crosswalks was suggested. Matt Kennedy reported that the intersection of Tully Road and Stoddard Avenue is awaiting a signal light. Mark Newton reported that this project is approved by DSA and will go out to bid. The project will begin in February so to only affect one semester of classes.

## 8. Project Status Report

**Columbia College** - The *Public Safety Center* is in bid, tracking ahead of schedule and the *Madrone Building* project bid \$900 thousand under budget. Both *Public Safety Center* and the *Madrone Building* projects were bid by local contractors. *Child Development Center* is in the bid process; bids are expected the end of October 2008. The *Science and Natural Resources* is underway in design development phase; the start of construction has been moved up two months to May 2009. **Modesto Junior College** - DTSC required additional soil testing, therefore MJC cannot start on West Campus projects until environmental testing is completed, expected by February. The *Agriculture Multi-Use Pavilion* construction documents have been completed and the project submitted to the State for review. The *Agriculture Beef and Sheep Unit* design phase is near completion. *Allied Health* construction documents have been submitted to DSA for review and expect to conclude this month. The *Auditorium* project is complete; the *Softball Complex* project is awaiting completion of DTSC, the start of construction is scheduled for February 2009; *Science Community Center & GVM* completed the design development phase and is in the process of cost estimating. *Student Services* site has been selected and will begin design phase. **Educational Sites** - *Calaveras Educational Site*: County Board of Education Superintendent forwarded information to their Board of Trustees. The District is looking into property donations for the *Oakdale Educational Site*. *West Side Educational Site*: The college and District have a donation agreement with a local land owner, looking at Lease-Lease Process. *Turlock Educational Site*: Various sites are being considered for a joint use project.

Betty Ann Prescott requested information that was provided at the Calaveras County Board of Education meeting pertaining to the Calaveras Educational Site. In response to a question by David Geer, Mark Newton reported that the effects of the current economy are lower building/equipment costs; bids are coming in between 25-40% below budget. He stated that material costs continue to escalate, but labor costs have gone down significantly. The District is getting more for their money in light of the projects being bid

during this down turn in the economy. Terry Plett inquired about the bonds that have been sold; it was reported that \$240 million in bonds have been sold thus far. In our bond language, YCCD informed voters that per year taxpayer cost would be less than \$19 per \$100,000 assessed value; currently, taxpayers are paying \$14 per \$100,000. Terry Plett recommended that this information be shared with the public and suggested that information be included in the Annual Report. A motion was made to include Bond Measure E property tax information in the CBOC Annual Report and approve as amended by David Geer and seconded by Terry Plett. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **9. Bond Quarterly Expenditure/Revenue Report**

Mark Newton provided an overview of the total expenditures as of June 30, 2008. MJC has total expenditures of \$27 million, encumbered approximately \$10.5 million, and ends with an unencumbered balance of \$182.6 million. Columbia College's total expenditures amount to \$4.3 million which is double from last year, encumbered just over \$4 million, and an unencumbered balance of \$44 million. Central Services has a total expenditures amount of \$17.5 million, encumbered \$17,000, and a balance of \$36 million. Program wide total expenditures amount to almost \$49 million, encumbrances of \$15.4 million, and an ending balance of approximately \$262 million. Mark Newton reported that members will see a significant escalation in the expenditures with the work coming on line in the near future.

*Chair Duke York left the meeting. Nick Cretan continued the meeting as temporary Vice Chair.*

#### **10. MJC Auditorium Photomontage**

Mark Newton provided a photomontage presentation of the MJC Auditorium for CBOC and invited members to contact his office to schedule a tour of the renovated facility. Renovations were made to the lobby and seating areas and construction included classrooms, lab space and dance studios. David Geer has walked through the facility and reported that there is a tremendous difference within the taping studio and commended the College for the inclusion of current/up-to-date technology.

#### **11. Comments from Committee Members**

Terry Plett expressed concern with the letter of resignation from the Stanislaus County Association of Law Enforcement Executives; he believes they made the wrong decision to remove themselves from the committee and was disappointed that this action was taken. Terry Plett made a recommendation that the CBOC Chair submit a response letter on behalf of the CBOC requesting that the Stanislaus County Law Enforcement Executives reconsider their resignation. The rest of the membership agreed to forward this to the CBOC Chair and request that staff assist where possible. Terry Plett requested that this agenda item be continued for the January 2009 meeting. Gary McKinsey reported attending a planning meeting where the topic of safety was addressed as a focus for the County.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Terry Plett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Betty Ann Prescott. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.**