

Yosemite Community College District

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

YCCD Board Room  
April 1, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Verle Bartels, James Cherry, Nick Cretan, Tammy Firch, Gary McKinsey, Malerie Michael, Patrick Sweeney, Billie Taylor, James West

**Members Absent:** Terry Plett

**Others Present:** Roe Darnell, Matt Kennedy, Tim Nesmith, Mark Newton, Nick Stavrianoudakis, Gary Whitfield, Graciela Molina (recorder)

**1. Call to Order**

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Meeting was called to order by James West at 6:10 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room.

**2. Introduction of New Membership**

Chair James West introduced the recently appointment members on the CBOC: Verle Bartels (At-Large), James Cherry (At-Large), Tammy Firch (At-Large), Malerie Michael (Community College Student – MJC), Billie Taylor (Senior Citizen Organization), and James West was reappointed for a second term to serve as College Support Organization representative.

**3. Approval of Minutes January 7, 2009 Meeting**

The meeting minutes of January 7, 2009 were approved by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A motion was made by Patrick Sweeney and seconded by Gary McKinsey. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Comments from the Public**

There were none.

**5. Committee Membership**

**a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Acceptance: McKinsey, Plett**

Chair James West called for an official acceptance of a 2<sup>nd</sup> term from members Gary McKinsey accepted; Terry Plett was absent.

**b. CBOC Membership Update**

Nick Stavrianoudakis reported CBOC is left with two vacancies, Taxpayers Association and Columbia College Student, continued efforts will be made to fill these vacancies. James Cherry and Nick Cretan stated they would assist YCCD in their effort.

**6. Bond Update**

Mark Newton provided CBOC members with three presentations, previously provided to YCCD Board of Trustees. They included Columbia College Infrastructure, MJC Master Plan Presentation, and Columbia College Science & Natural Resource Project (SNR) Sustainable Practices.

**a. CC Infrastructure Project Presentation**

The Columbia College Infrastructure Project consists of running utilities down the middle of the road. The project goals include replacement of 30-40 year old electrical communications systems, adding capacity for future program growth, limit disruption to the campus, economize work by bundling by specialty and prepare for upcoming

projects. Savings identified from Science, Madrone and Child Development projects will fund the Infrastructure Project; the project is expected to conclude mid April.

**b. MJC Master Plan Presentation**

The 2007 Master plan is dated and a 2009 Revised Master Plan is in place. Campus master plan diagrams have been updated and were presented to CBOC members. Mark Newton reviewed the revisions to the 2007 Campus master plans. **EAST CAMPUS:** Tully Road Parking lot replaces the parking structure, Student Services will have a new building along College Avenue, the 1960's library will be torn down and rebuilt preserving the 1930's library, and the Science Building addition has been removed from the plan. **WEST CAMPUS:** New Science Community Center Observatory, Planetarium and Great Valley Museum, New Beef and Sheep Units, Softball field will now be located in the field north of the soccer field, temporary swing space and infrastructure improvements have been added, and a future building site identified.

**c. CC SNR Sustainable Practices Presentation**

Mark Newton stated the Science Natural Resource (SNR) Building will be adjacent to the Toyon Building; renderings of the building elevations and floorplans were presented to CBOC members. Mark Newton explained the "green building" certification, and reported that the building will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified Silver. The building is designed using photovoltaic (PV) cells, vertical geothermal ground loop and solar hot water; the bid is scheduled for May 2009 and completion is projected for February 2011. The SNR building is creating sustainable environments and business practices.

Patrick Sweeney inquired if YCCD was receiving assistance from the stimulus package; it was reported that the district is looking at any opportunities to take advantage of any monies available. Chancellor Darnell reported for the Central Services Buildings Project, YCCD has been in discussions with property owners about purchasing a space in downtown Modesto. The current economy has presented an opportunity to maximize our bond funds to purchase an existing building rather than renovating current facilities. The Chancellor stated this item may be approved by the YCCD Board of Trustees prior to the next CBOC meeting.

**7. Project Status Report**

Mark Newton reviewed the Measure E Bond Program Update. **Modesto Junior College:** He explained the CEQA process and stated that major excavation has taken place on West Campus. **CEQA Compliance:** Mitigation measures have been agreed to with the DTSC for environmental issues on the West Campus. Testing of an anomaly discovered in the original testing protocol is being scheduled; all effected project schedules have been modified accordingly. **Allied Health:** DSA approval is anticipated for March. The **Parking Lot** project has started construction. **Softball Complex:** The project has been submitted to the Depart of State Architect (DSA) for review and approval. **Science Community Center & GVM:** 50% of construction documents are under review by the College and the Measure E team. **Student Services:** A revised cost estimate and value engineering exercise are pending. **Columbia College: Child Development Center:** Construction beginning. **Science and Natural Resources:** The construction documents have been submitted to the DSA for review and approval. The project is scheduled to start construction July of 2009.

**8. Bond Quarterly Expenditure/Revenue Report**

The quarterly expenditure/revenue was provided to CBOC members for their review.

**9. Comments from Committee Members**

Malerie Michael, CBOC student member, stated that she takes dance classes at MJC and has received many positive comments regarding the renovated dance studio.

**10. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed unanimously. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at Columbia College. A tour of Columbia College projects will precede the meeting; time yet to be determined.**