



INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Friday, June 10, 2011
MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, by Ginny MacDonald, Chairperson of the meeting.

Welcome & Roll Call

Members Present: Terry Ardinger, Richard Borevitz, Ginny MacDonald, George Weiner, Glen Winn

Members Absent: Evelyn Lucero, Mike McDowell

District Representatives: Robert Deegan, Superintendent/President
Dr. Bonnie Ann Dowd, Asst. Superintendent/Vice President,
Finance & Administrative Services (District Liaison)
Phyllis Laderman, Director, Fiscal Services
Kelley Hudson-Maclsaac, Interim Director, Facilities
Eileen Poole, Contracts Specialist, Business & Contract Services

Guests: Jesse Lyn Clark, Richard Talmo

Public Comments

Public comments were solicited. There were none.

Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2011

MSC: Winn/Weiner - The minutes were approved and will be posted on the ICOC website.

Presentation – Palomar College Foundation

Richard Talmo, Executive Director of the Foundation, gave an overview on the Foundation's programs, which include student scholarships, faculty mini-grants, classified staff mini-grants, donor-designed funds and special projects. Discussion followed.

District Reports

Series A & B Project Updates (budget & construction)

Bonnie asked Phyllis Laderman and Kelley Hudson-Maclsaac to provide budget and construction update reports.

Financial Report – Phyllis distributed the Financial Data Report for Prop M Bond-Series "A" and Series "B" Projects as of May 31, 2011. She noted that the report has been modified to include expenditures for Series "A" and Series "B" projects and provided members with an overview on the report. Discussion followed.

Construction Report - Kelley distributed a handout regarding the status of construction projects currently underway as follows:

PC North Education Center

Horse Ranch Creek Road Project: The project has been cleared to proceed, except wetlands, as we are awaiting Army Corps of Engineers permit and final least Bell's vireo bird survey.



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Humanities Building – Demolition has begun on the existing B-Building, P-North Building and portable W-Building in preparation of new construction of the Humanities Building. The construction documents for the Humanities Building have been approved by the Department of State Architect (DSA). We anticipate bidding the project out in July 2011 with construction beginning in September 2011.

Multimedia Lab & Planetarium – The Planetarium/Multi-Media Lab is under construction and is 45% complete. Structural steel and structural concrete are complete. Interior mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is in progress. The roof's stainless steel shingles are being installed.

Annual Implementation Plan Projects – We are currently focusing on “swing space” projects to accommodate programs that have lost their space due to construction. The BE Building was remodeled to accommodate the English Writing Labs; the GJ Building to accommodate Theater personnel; and remodeling has begun on the NO Building to accommodate Health Services.

San Marcos Campus CEQA/EIR Study – We are currently working with the city of San Marcos on the installation of two traffic signals at the entrances to Comet Circle.

Parking Improvement Projects – The District is awaiting approval of plans from DSA.

Industrial Technology Center – Currently under construction and 65% complete. Completion is anticipated for September 2011. The plans for the T-Building Renovation (part of the center) are still in DSA.

Theater Addition & Remodel – The bids closed on April 19, 2011. Several bid packages are currently being re-bid, with a bid close date of June 28, 2011. Construction is expected to begin in July 2011.

Infrastructure Improvement Projects

New Fire Alarm System & Fiber Upgrade: The project has been awarded; currently working on the time schedule and logistic plan prior to getting the project underway.

12kv Phase II: Currently switching over each building on the San Marcos campus to 12kv electrical services, as schedules permit. Completion is expected in July 2012.

Child Development Center – The District is working with the Architect to develop a project schedule.

Escondido Center Improvements Phase 1 – Architect, LPA, presented a conceptual plan for the project to the Executive Administration and Escondido Center Management. Both groups approved the plans.

State Budget & Fiscal Crisis Impact Update

Bonnie provided an update regarding the state budget and fiscal situation. She advised members that the Governor came out with the “May Revise” Budget on May 16, 2011. The “May Revise” was basically the same as the proposed budget in January, emphasizing that revenues need to come in. Presently it appears the District will be facing a cut between \$5M - \$8.7M in revenue apportionment for the next fiscal year. The District will present their tentative budget to the Governing Board of Palomar College on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 with a \$8.7M budget cut, which is the worst-case scenario. She further stated that classes have been cut from the class schedules for the summer and fall semesters, due to budget cuts. Discussion followed.



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Golden Watchdog Nomination

Bonnie notified members that Palomar College was not chosen for the Golden Watchdog Award presented each year by the San Diego Taxpayer's Association. However, she shared with members the letter of nomination that was written on behalf of Palomar College in recognizing the District's program management in efficient and appropriate use of Prop M funds.

Other

Upcoming Vacancies Due to Term Limits

Bonnie reported that due to term limits as defined in the ICOC'S By-Laws, 4 committee members (R. Borevitz, G. MacDonald, M. McDowell and G. Weiner) will be "termed-out" having completed two (2) two-year consecutive terms on the Committee as of June 30, 2011. She reported that the categories of the four openings are (1) a member active in a local business community within the District (2) Bona-fide taxpayer's organization (3) member of a PCCD support organization and (4) member of the community at large. She further reported that applications have been received and recommendation of new members would be brought to the Governing Board at their June 14, 2011 meeting.

Acknowledgment of service of current ICOC members

In recognition of their services on Palomar College's Proposition M Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, President Deegan presented each "termed-out" member with a Certificate of Appreciation and expressed his gratitude for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the voters in regards to the Prop M program.

Comments from Members

Ginny MacDonald thanked President Deegan, Bonnie Dowd and Palomar's staff for a job well done. George Weiner concurred.

Adjournment

MSC: Borevitz/Weiner

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2, 2011. Agenda and minutes will be distributed prior to the meeting with a call for agenda items in advance of their distribution.