

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 24, 2010 5:00 – 7:00 PM

LBUSD District Office - Community Room 1515 Hughes Way Long Beach, California 90810

Attendees:

COC Members:	Byron Bolton Julie Jackson Anna Ulaszewski	Kristine Hammond Victor McCarty (Chair)	Karen Hilburn (Vice Chair) Michael Noll
Absent:	None		
LBUSD Staff:	Carri Matsumoto	Leticia Rodriguez	
LBUSD Consultants:	Tim Doane	Priscilla Meckley-Archuleta	Steven McGuckin

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson McCarty at 5:01 p.m.

2. Establishment of Quorum

All members were present and a quorum was noted as established.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 1, 2010 meeting were provided to all COC members in their meeting packet.

Member Jackson noted an incorrect date on the upcoming meeting dates. December 17 should be changed to Thursday, December 16. This correct date has been annotated in the new material distributed at this meeting.

Ms. Matsumoto noted a spelling error in the Executive Summary. The second paragraph on page four should read "interim" and not "intern".

Member Hilburn moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member Noll and the motion passed. Member Ulaszewski abstained from the vote.

4. Communications

Chairperson McCarty announced that Anna Ulaszewski had been appointed to the Committee.

Ms. Ulaszewski introduced herself. She received her Masters in Planning from the University of Hawaii and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She is also a member of the Long Beach Housing Development Corporation, and has experience in various community groups.

Everyone welcomed Ms. Ulaszewski.

Ms. Matsumoto shared that the Board of Education reconfirmed Julie Jackson and Byron Bolton serving an additional two-year term.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Old Business (order of business was shifted)

Chairperson McCarty made some comments from the previous meeting:

- Takes exception to being told that there is no connection with the COC Committee and the Measure K auditors.
- The annual report should not be written by district staff.
- He didn't find anything in the Brown Act that prohibits two members of a committee talking. His research shows that it would take four people to establish a quorum for this Committee.
- The minutes should be drafted as soon as possible and then distributed to the Committee, with no alterations made by district staff.

Member Noll inquired about the auditors and the bond counsel who were present at the last meeting.

Ms. Matsumoto responded that they work for the district.

Member Hammond stated that these are Mr. McCarty's personal thoughts. She feels that the committee should follow the agenda to ensure that everything is covered.

Measure K Bond Program Update

Ms. Matsumoto explained that the material provided in their packets follows the format presented to the Board. Regular updates will be presented in this fashion.

She gave an update on the construction for the new middle school (GTE site). Although progress is being made, the weather delay may have an impact on the project. State funding has been received. The scheduled completion is for the Fall, 2011. This has been a challenging, complex job.

Member Noll mentioned that the City of Signal Hill has allowed for construction on Saturdays, which they normally do not approve of.

Mr. McGuckin stated that up to now the work had been mostly underground activity, but now the progress is more visible.

Ms. Matsumoto also shared that since the school year has come to an end, they have begun salvaging and doing inventory at the DeMille site. The project has gone out to bid. Construction is scheduled to begin on September 1. She explained the lease, lease-back process, which gives a bit more flexibility. The City of Long Beach has approved all of the revised traffic designs. They have applied for state matching funds, under three separate grants.

Member Noll asked if the budget crisis had any impact on state projects.

Ms. Matsumoto replied that the state's lack of ability to issue bonds and release money in a timely fashion has had an impact. Capital Program Management, Inc. (CPM) has projected different scenarios in case state funds are not available.

Mr. McGuckin added that the state has recently issued close to \$1 billion, which gives everyone a bit of hope.

Ms. Matsumoto shared that the next big projects are

Roosevelt Elementary – completely rebuild Jordan High School - major modernization Cabrillo High School – pool addition

\$579 million has been budgeted for these projects.

She also noted that the district is focusing on several other projects, such as AB 300 buildings, Access Compliance, Deferred Maintenance, Deportablization (removal of portables) and DSA (State Architect Office) Certification and Close-Out.

Chairperson McCarty inquired about the district's projected enrollment.

Ms. Matsumoto replied that in the Master Plan the enrollment was projected to decrease to about 75,000 students by 2014-15.

Quarterly Financial Update

Mr. Doane reviewed the financial data presented, matching it to what Ms. Matsumoto shared. He noted that \$13 million has been received in state funding for the GTE project and \$19.9 million has been received for the ECATS project. He explained that sometimes the figures don't match entirely because there are other funding sources for the projects. They are working to develop software that will work for this particular program.

Member Hammond inquired how it would be paid for.

Ms. Matsumoto replied that it was budgeted from Measure K funds.

Mr. Doane also reviewed the Executive Summary and noted the actions that took place after the last meeting. It's key to note that the ending balance should always be zero.

A discussion ensued relating to the anticipated increase in legal fees associated with the GTE site and the process for determining the budget for a project.

Chairperson McCarty asked Mr. Doane if he could provide a supplemental breakdown of the expenses. He would also like to receive an update of the Bond sales, in a simplified manner.

Ms. Matsumoto replied that fluctuations will always appear, but that they will work on developing a simple report.

7. Old Business

Tentative 2010/2011 COC Meeting Schedule

Ms. Matsumoto shared that the dates established to meet are 9/23/10, 12/16/10, 3/24/11 and 6/23/11.

8. New Business

Tour of New 6-8 Middle School #1 (GTE Site)

Ms. Matsumoto shared some proposed dates for a tour of the GTE site. She asked that each member indicate their availability so that a definite date can be determined, hopefully in August.

Selection and Confirmation of 2010-11 Chair and Vice-Chair

Chairperson McCarty suggested that Vice-Chair Hilburn serve as Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Noll and the vote passed.

Member Hammond nominated Member Jackson as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Noll and the vote passed.

Member Noll thanked Mr. McCarty for his service during this past year.

9. Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Chairperson Hilburn motioned for adjournment at 7:00 p.m. She thanked Ms. Matsumoto for all of the information shared at the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regular business meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m.