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San Bernardino City Unified School District

Regular Meeting of the Measure T Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee

Board of Education – Conference Rooms A/B
777 North F Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410

MINUTES

June 3, 2009

Committee Members	Representing	Present	Absent
Cynthia Barrow	Parent	X	
Tierney Harris	At-Large		X
Sheri Hundley	Parent/PTA Member	X	
David Justice	Business Community	X	
Ralph Knox	Senior Citizen	X	
Troy Nelson	At-Large	X	
Maria Dolores Ochoa	At-Large	X	
Martin Romeo	Business Community	X	
Marion Vassilakos	Tax Payers' Organization	X	

District Support	Department	Present	Absent
Dr. Arturo Delgado	Superintendent's Office		X
John Peukert	Facilities/Operations	X	
Wael Elatar	Facilities Management	X	
Keith Kajiya	URS Facilities Program Management	X	
Laura Breuer	Facilities Management	X	
Beth Alexander	Facilities Management	X	

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Chair Sheri Hundley, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

b. Approval of Minutes

Martin Romeo moved, seconded by David Justice, to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2009 COC meeting as presented. Motion carried.

c. 2009 COC District Bus Tour

Cynthia Barrow reported on the Bus Tour. Approximately 20 project sites consisting of: land acquisitions for new schools, Modernization Projects, Special Day Class (SDC) Pods, High School #8 construction site, QEIA Projects, newly completed elementary and middle schools, and the new Middle College High School construction site were visited. Keith Kajiya explained that Hardship Funds have been used to purchase properties for the three new elementary schools that are

planned. He also reported that environmental studies must be completed before demolition can begin and that some of the historical homes may be moved to other sites within the city. Those who attended felt that it was a well-organized and beneficial event. Beth was asked to obtain the handouts from the Tour for all members that were unable to attend.

2. Administrative Report

a. May Briefing

Keith covered the elements of the May 2009 Briefing. Items discussed included:

- Site work at High School #8 is moving forward
- Land Acquisition is continuing for the Lytle Creek II K-8 school in the Devore area
- Five new Modernization Projects, the largest being San Geronio HS, have begun
- SDC Projects – Hillside and Hunt Elementary Schools' SDC pods will be completed and ready to house students at the beginning of the 09/10 school year. This will reduce costs by not having to provide portable classrooms during the modernization of those two schools.
- Facilities Management and Maintenance & Operations Departments will merge due to the District's Reorganization Program. There will be several advantages such as: improved utilization of funds and manpower, the leverage funding for projects and to better coordinate projects that both departments will be involved with. The Facilities Management Department will be moved out of the Board of Education building by the end of June. It was suggested that the COC members have a future meeting and a tour at the new location.

b. Citizens' Oversight Committee's Newsletter

A draft copy of the Citizens' Oversight Committee's Newsletter was reviewed by the members. Suggestions were made and edits submitted for the final version. During a discussion of some of the modernization projects, Maria Delores Ochoa asked Keith why the windows at Belvedere Elementary School were replaced with black ones. Keith will check on that and report back at the next meeting.

c. Citizens' Oversight Committee Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Report

Keith explained the purpose and requirements set forth in the Bond language of reporting to the School Board each year on the Measure T Bond expenditures and performance. Keith is waiting for confirmation as to which upcoming Board Meeting the COC Chair will make the presentation. John Peukert shared that the Board Members' focuses are on issues regarding budget cuts at the present time and that they will be more receptive to the COC's Annual Report in a month or so. Keith asked the members to forward any comments or concerns they have with the Annual Report to Beth within one week.

d. Certificate of Participation – Bridge Funding

Wael Elatar explained that because of the budget crisis, the State has not been allowed to sell bonds. During February and March, some Capital Bonds funds came into the District for schools, but it was not enough. **The State of California is not releasing funds that were apportioned and temporary bridge funding is required to keep construction moving in this favorable bidding environment.** With the downturn in the economy, Keith explained that bids for construction are low which allows the District to do more work to improve facilities. Keith reported that John Peukert and Wael Elatar were in Sacramento today to meet with OPSC to request a temporary transfer of State cash received for Land Acquisition and Design to other projects. This will allow to District to proceed with construction on some Modernization projects to take advantage of the current bidding climate. Keith also discussed the District's current evaluation of a Certificate of Participation (COP), which is a lease-lease back funding mechanism, which can be used as short-term bridge funding to continue construction. There are on-going discussions with US Bank to secure a letter of credit for

potentially \$75M of COP funding. The District hopes to have this funding in place by June 2009. Keith.... All this in red is what you wrote last month regarding the bridge financing, lease-lease back funding... much of what Wael talked about this month. Perhaps you can use some (all) of it when you edit this. ☺ You also mentioned that you were waiting on a bank to decide whether to fund or not and that the School Board needs to approve the agreement once reached.

e. Qualified School Construction Bonds

Wael explained that this is new Federal Bond credit funding, not a grant, that is being made available to the 12 largest districts in the State (?) There is \$27.8 M in credits to apply for during the next two years. These funds would allow the District to move forward with the current projects until *other* (?) funding is, once again, available. Keith... this needs your input... I could not keep up with you and Wael!!

f. Report on Bond Projects' Labor Force Diversity

Keith reported that two-thirds of the Measure T Bond funds have been spent in the Inland Empire, helping to support our local businesses. Through the Labor Compliance tracking done by the Facilities Management Department, Keith is compiling a chart of businesses whom have contracted with the District to get statistical information, such as: race, gender, and wages as requested by the Committee. Keith... This is what was in last month's minutes regarding this same topic... Would you like to put your statistics in here??? 53% Latino, 7% African-American = representative of the population of the area...

g. Modernization Project/Library Concept at San Bernardino High School

Wael reported that the \$15M SBHS Modernization Project is 100% funded with a combination of Measure T Bond funds and State funds. Sixty percent of the Bond Funds used during the modernization project at Cajon High School for an extensive asbestos abatement project are now being transferred to the Modernization Project at SBHS. This will be approximately \$2.3 M.

Wael presented renderings of the new library for SBHS to be built in the future. The concept is representative of the way the library was designed and built in the 1930's. Many of the SBHS alumni would like to have the school look more traditional and have the school pride restored within the community.

c. **Committee Comments/Concerns**

John Peukert thanked the COC members for their continued support and asked them to share within their circle of acquaintances why the District is moving forward with the building of schools and looking for support of another Bond initiative. He reminded us that the District still has 26 Year-Round Elementary Schools that will become single-track schools as new schools are built. Currently, there are 600 classrooms still housed in temporary, portable building, which need to be replaced with permanent classrooms. John also shared his enthusiasm for the opportunity that the future holds for the Wilson II Elementary School that will be built next to Arrowview Middle School as an "Educational Complex". This will enable students from the middle school to participate in such things as tutoring and mentoring programs for the elementary students.

d. **Schedule for Future Meetings**

Scheduled: Wednesday, September 9, 2009

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5. **Public Comments**

None

6. Items for Future Agendas

- a. Final COC Newsletter
- b. Tour of new Facilities Management/M&O Complex

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Questions: Please contact Facilities Department at (909) 381-1238