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San Bernardino City Unified School District

Regular Meeting of the Measure T Bond
Citizens' Oversight Committee

New Curtis Middle School
1050 North Del Rosa Dr.
San Bernardino, CA 92410

MINUTES

June 18, 2008

Committee Members	Representing	Present	Absent
Teresa Alba	Parent	X	
Robbi Brunk	At-large	X	
Soledad Castillo	Parent/PTA Member		X
Carl Clemons	At-large	X	
Ronald Coats	Business Community	X	
Tierney Harris	At-large	X	
Margaret Hill	Senior Citizen	X	
David Justice	Business Community	X	
Marion Vassilakos	Tax Payer's 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	
Samer Alzubaidi	Facilities Management	X	
Laura Breuer	Facilities Management	X	
Beth Alexander	Facilities Management	X	

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Chairperson Robbi Brunk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in the Administration Building at New Curtis Middle School.

b. Introduction of New Member

David Justice was introduced as a new member to the Citizens' Oversight Committee representing the Business Community.

c. COC Annual Report Comments

Keith Kajiya presented a draft copy of the COC Annual Report for comments and corrections. Marion Vassilakos suggested that acronyms either be defined or eliminated. Ron Coats suggested that the pictures more accurately depict the improvement projects at the schools. Keith noted that all of the Measure T Bond projects should be included in the report.

A discussion followed regarding different ways in which to inform the citizens of San Bernardino about the status of the completed schools. Marion Vassilakos suggested that reporters from various newspapers be invited to the new schools' Opening Day Ceremonies and to address in their articles indicating the financing of the construction was partially funded with Measure T Bond money. Margaret Hill made a recommendation that Linda Bardere, Director of Communications/Community Relations Dept., might highlight the new schools and modernization projects at the Educational Roundtable. John Peukert noted that this would be a good time for Facilities Management to present a slide show showing the construction projects at an upcoming televised Board Meeting.

The final COC Annual Report will be presented to the School Board in August.

c. Term of COC Members

The Committee reviewed the chart, which indicates the length of each member's term. There are six (6) representatives leaving the Committee in August 2008.

d. Recruitment of New Members

Each member was encouraged to give an application to an acquaintance that may be interested in serving on the Committee. The following positions will need replacements: Parent/PTA Representative, Parent Representative, Senior Citizen Representative, Business and/or Member At-large Representatives. A previous applicant, representing a Parent/PTA Organization, is still interested and her application will be added to those received during this recruitment.

e. Approval of Minutes

Margaret Hill made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting. Ron Coats seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Tour of New Curtis Middle School

Ludwig Barowoj, URS Project Manager overseeing the construction of New Curtis Middle School, lead the group on a tour. Lu passed out a list of "Energy Efficient Components" that were included in the construction project. The Committee members made several positive comments about the school and appreciated seeing one of the many Bond funded projects in the District. The overall consensus was "...the students and staff are very fortunate to be going to such a beautiful and modern middle school."

3. Administrative Report

a. May Monthly Briefing

Keith Kajiya presented the Facilities Capital Improvement Program's monthly briefing for May. Keith stated that \$13.2 million, of the \$29.5 million spent on New Curtis Middle School, was from the Measure T Bond funds. Tierney Harris asked what funding was being used for the bleachers at Arroyo Valley High School. John Peukert stated the project was being paid out of the General Fund.

b. Potential Bond Measure

John Peukert reported on the progress of the possibility of having a new Bond Initiative on the November ballot. The District hired a consulting firm to survey the community and found that a high percentage of those surveyed were in favor of a Bond. John presented the consultant's findings to the School Board on June 17 and they must decide by August 8 whether to move forward in time for the November ballot. In mid-July, the "Facilities Site

Assessment” will be submitted to the Board. This document is a survey of schools that resulted in approximately 1,600 items identified, as structural/physical improvement needs. This survey will help to increase the communities’ awareness of the need for a new Bond measure to be passed by the residence of San Bernardino.

c. Status of Financial Hardship Application

John Peukert reported on the schedule of events that have taken place:

- December 2006 – The District met with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to establish a relationship as pertains to the needs of both agencies.
- April 2007 – The Facilities Dept. supplied all of the necessary information/documentation, which was required to OPSC based on regulations in place at that time.
- November 2007 – The District received the first of three conditional financial hardship approvals.
- January 2008 – The District’s financial hardship application received final approval.
- February 2008 – The District received a letter from OPSC that rescinded the previous financial hardship final approval.
- February and March 2008 – Several meetings with legislators and committee members were held.
- March 19, 2008 – The Financial Hardship Application had not been approved.
- June 2008 – The District received funds and is moving forward with property acquisitions for Wilson II. Ninety percent of the property owners in the Wilson II area have signed purchase agreements with the District.

Keith Kajiya presented a list of District projects, which have been submitted, to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) for approval. The list included: nine (9) New Schools; eight (8) Special Day Class Pods at existing schools; and thirty-six (36) School Modernizations. These projects will be funded with \$357,522,945 of the District’s State Financial Hardship Funds. Seventeen (17) of the projects have received their final approval from the OPSC. Keith also reported on the Measure T Cash Balances. As of June 2008, the Series B fund has \$16,364,420; Series C fund has \$6,409,729; and the \$17,000,000 Series D bond has not been issued. The balance of the Measure T Bond funds total \$39,775,150.

c. Report on Bond Project’s Labor Force Diversity

Keith presented a SBCUSD Construction Employee Utilization form that will track the number of minority employees by project as part of each contractor’s Labor Compliance Agreement. The Facilities Management Dept. will be using new software that will evaluate the participation on old and new projects. In addition it will track the types of companies, their locations, their specialty, etc.

The Facilities Management Dept. is going to hire a local Property Management Firm to oversee approximately 250 properties that the District will acquire during the pre-construction phase of the proposed new schools.

4. **Committee Comments/Concerns**

Ron Coats thanked Keith Kajiya and John Peukert for their leadership during the four years that he has been a member of the COC. John Peukert acknowledged Keith for the expertise that he and the URS team have brought to Facilities Management Dept. John also thanked the members for their commitment and diligence to the Citizens’ Oversight Committee.

5. **Schedule for Future Meetings**

Scheduled: September 17, 2008

Suggested: December 10 or 17, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

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