SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
PROPOSITION R CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Members: Joe David Casillas, Thomas Davis, Adela Garcia, Edward Gutierrez, Matt Kriz, Nicholas Segura, Jr.

Staff: Steven Crow, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs; Mark Claussen, Consultant, Business and Financial Affairs, Prop R; Lillian Leopold, Chief Public Information and Government Relations Officer; Melinda Nish, Ed.D., (Superintendent/ President)

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Southwestern College
900 Otay Lakes Road
Chula Vista, CA 91910
Room L246

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A G E N D A

ITEM		
1.	CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL	Chair
2.	PUBLIC COMMENT	Chair
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2013 (ENCLOSURE)	Chair
4.	VACANT CBOC POSITION UPDATE	Chair
5.	UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS	Chair
6.	OTHER ITEMS	Chair
7.	COMMITTEE COMMENTS / REQUESTS	Chair
8.	ADJOURNMENT	Chair

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Proposition R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
February 1, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Thomas Davis, Joe David Casillas, Adela Garcia, Matt Kriz, Nicholas Segura, Jr.

Members Absent: Edward Gutierrez

Staff Present: Nirav Desai, Lillian Leopold, Melinda Nish

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2013 (ENCLOSURE)

Motion: Davis; Second: Segura. Unanimous approval.

4. APPROVAL OF CBOC ANNUAL REPORT

Lillian presented the report. Meeting dates listed were changed to reflect the correct dates.

Tom expressed an 'editorial comment' regarding the corner lot and the future plans for that project. Lillian suggested the committee may want to cover concerns like this on next years' report. The Facilities Master Plan will be completed and approved and these concerns may be addressed in the plan.

Adela attended an event today where Assemblyman Ben Wessel spoke about the capital accumulation bill / legislation that he is bringing forward – Bill 62. This addresses the problem that surfaced in Poway and the issue of what these bonds actually cost the taxpayers. As this moves forward there will be an interest of how this affects Southwestern College – what we are doing and where we are positioned. Maybe this is an opportunity to have more discussion to say that we are watching how we manage the funds – and that it is not only the Corner Lot, but also the responsibility we have to the community and the taxpayer.

Joe commented about the difficulty of the bond language including the total amount to the taxpayer over the life of the bond. There are too many variables to be able to be specific in the bond language at the time of the election.

Melinda also spoke of the difficulty of being specific when the bond packages are put together. She also suggested that possibly once a year the CBOC give recommendations to the Governing Board about items like this. This may be done in the form of a workshop.

Joe feels it is important to get the word to the public that even though they don't see much progress on the Corner Lot, the Facilities Master Plan and Academic Master Plan will reflect what will be done in the future and the two plans will be connected.

Melinda suggested that at the March CBOC meeting Steve Crow present to the committee the preliminary Facilities Master Plan slotted to be approved at the April 10, 2013 Governing Board meeting. The next step is public communication that will connect the dots between the Facilities Master Plan and Prop R projects. It should reflect Phase II and Phase III projects, listing estimated dollar amounts. This should be done before July 1, 2013.

More edits were made to the front page.

Motion: Garcia; Second: Segura - to approve the report incorporating recommended changes.

Unanimous approval.

Melinda will speak with Governing Board President Peraza to ask when he would like the item to be presented to Governing Board. As well as following up with the Governing Board to inquire about a joint workshop in June to address the connection between the Master plans and the Prop R projects present and future. Cost of ownership is another topic for this workshop.

5. OTHER ITEMS

Joe told the committee that when he has been speaking with the public, he does not hear much discussion about what the future of the west side. He would like to include community at large when the west side of Chula Vista is being discussed. He would like to see something planned in the future on the west side.

Matt mentioned that at the town hall meetings and the upcoming community involvement events being held to review and discuss the Education & Facility Master Plans would be the appropriate place for the community to become involved and state their interests.

Melinda shared with the committee that the Governing Board members are actively involved in the University/Research Park idea on the east side. There is a lot of conversation between herself, the Governing Board Members, the developers, the City, etc. She wants to assure the committee that the Governing Board is actively participating in these conversations and see themselves as stakeholders. She and our Governing Board are making positive efforts to improve the relationship between the District and the Sweetwater Union High School District. Ed Brand and Melinda have a good working relationship. There will be a meeting next week including all of the high school district Cabinet and principals and all of Southwestern College Cabinet as well as another layer of administrators to talk about our Facilities Master Plan, Education Master Plan, our goals with respect to legislative ideas such as the two-year transfer degrees and the student success act, etc. We will map out how we want to conduct our relations. This relationship must be based on the students and their needs and not about what has happened in the past.

Joe stated the importance of this and counteracting the negative news with positive.

Tom asked if when it comes time to present the final Facilities & Education Master Plans, is it expected that there will be a comparison between the old and new plans.

Melinda will pass this along to the consultants so they can either include this in their presentation or be prepared to address this.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS / REQUESTS

Lillian reminded the group that she emailed invitations for the upcoming Facilities Master Plan breakfast workshop and she handed each member 3-4 for handing out to the community.

Nick asked if the item regarding dewatering has gone to Governing Board. Nirav replied that this item will be on the February 13, 2013 Governing Board agenda. The plan is for the work to start the soil-nail wall construction next week if the weather cooperates. Also the artificial turf arrived today and will be installed next week.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10.