



Santa Monica Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2003
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at 8 a.m. at Santa Monica College, **Drescher Hall Room 300-E (the Loft)**, 1900 Pico Boulevard. Santa Monica, California.

I. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Graham Pope, Chair - Present
Linda Sullivan, Vice-Chair - Present
Paul Leoni - Present
Eleanore Meyer - Present
Ed Moosbrugger - Present
James Mount - Present
Herb Reich - Present
Herb Rose - Present
Bertrand Staggers - Present
Irma Vargas - Present
Pierce Watson - Absent
Joe Weichman - Present
Allen Weiss - Present
Others Present: John Jalili, Committee Advisor
 Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, Superintendent/President
 Letty Edwards, Committee Staff Assistant
 Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator
 Bruce Smith, Public Information Officer

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Piedad F. Robertson, Superintendent/President, reported that Patrick Nichelson has resigned from the Board of Trustees due to personal reasons. A new trustee will be appointed on November 3, 2003 to serve until the next election in November, 2004. The finalists are Pam Brady, David Finkel, Graham Pope, Rob Rader and William Winslow.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Irma Vargas and seconded by Linda Sullivan to approve the minutes of July 16, 2003. *Unanimously approved.*

5. REPORTS and DISCUSSION

Purchase of Real Property - 1738 Pearl Street, Santa Monica (report attached)

The District has been engaged in the purchase of houses on Pearl Street since the 1980's. The college has been able to move noninstructional functions to the houses which provides space on campus for instructional purposes. In addition, it provides a barrier between the college and the neighborhood. The District has complied with the City by maintaining the residential appearance of the houses while remodeling the interior to meet the needs of the program or services that are housed there.

A concern was raised about the delay in notifying the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) about the purchase of this real property since it is funded by Measure U. It was explained that acquisition of property is authorized in Measure U and is included as an objective in the Master Plan for Facilities. The recommendation to purchase the property was presented to the Board of Trustees in closed session at the September meeting which resulted in Board approval of the purchase. John Jalili commented that it is the CBOC's role to make sure that funds are allocated appropriately, not to address the flow of communication. It was agreed that the CBOC would be informed of future purchases funded by Measure U as soon as they are approved by the Board.

Chair Graham Pope added that he had subsequently spoken with Tom Donner after the issue of purchasing the property came before the Board. He felt comfortable that the expenditure of these funds would have little impact on other Measure U projects.

Measure U Construction Projects Timeline (attached)

The Measure U Construction Projects Timeline was reviewed. Some projects have been renamed (#11–14th and Pico Site, and #14–Bundy Campus Improvements). As previously mentioned, this chart will be adjusted to reflect changes due to funding and construction priorities.

Measure U Project List (attached)

The Measure U Project List was reviewed. There is \$13,255 left in first bond issue. The District is waiting to see what happens with the State economy before deciding about another bond issue.

6. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2003-2004

Quarterly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m., location to be determined:

January 21, 2004

April 21, 2004

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 8 a.m.