

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

### MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, Mike Gregoryk, Vice President, Administrative Services; Gary Nellesen, Director, Facilities Planning & Management; Randy Hartman, Vice President, Bovis Lend Lease; Leslie Kerr, Director of Development; and committee members Marlen Garcia, Jim Grivich, Sylvia Mendoza, Don Sachs, Drexel Smith, and Sally Wieck toured various construction projects on campus.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Mt. San Antonio College Citizens Oversight Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

#### CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mei Lien Chang	Miguel Del Mundo
Marlen Garcia	Jim Grivich
Sylvia Mendoza	Don Sachs
Drexel Smith	Sally Wieck

#### CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

David Fierro	Laurie Marshall
Jackson Wen	

#### STAFF PRESENT

Christopher C. O'Hearn, President/CEO  
Michael D. Gregoryk, Vice President, Administrative Services  
Gary Nellesen, Director, Facilities Planning & Management  
Randy Hartman, Vice President, Bovis Construction  
Diana Casteel, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

#### 1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Garcia welcomed new members Mei Lien Chang, Miguel Del Mundo, Jim Grivich, Sylvia Mendoza, Drexel Smith, and Sally Wieck. Each committee member gave a self-introduction and explained what constituency they represent on the committee.

Representing business/community are: David Fierro, Marlen Garcia, Laurie Marshall, Sylvia Mendoza, Don Sachs, Drexel Smith, and Jackson Wen.

Sally Wieck is the senior citizens' organization representative.

Jim Grivich is the taxpayer's representative.

Miguel Del Mundo represents the student organization.

Mei Lien Chang is the representative of the college advisory council or foundation.

Dr. O'Hearn added his welcome, especially to new committee members. Each member was given a gift from the College as a token of our appreciation to those members who continue to serve and to those new to the committee. Having the new members' names attached to the College and this committee is very much appreciated.

President O'Hearn said it is important for new members to review their binders before the next meeting. It includes information on the committee's purpose and activities. One of the committee's responsibilities is to report to the community each year on how Bond dollars are being spent. We will be preparing this year's report in the near future. In the past, we have used a full-page advertisement in the newspaper to report our progress. We also report regularly on the College web site and in other documents that go out to the community, such as the Annual Report to the Community and the Class Schedules. Dr. O'Hearn said the College takes its responsibility to the taxpayers and citizens who voted for this Bond Measure very seriously.

Dr. O'Hearn also noted that the committee will be electing a new chair and vice chair and suggested that, for continuity, it might be helpful if the chair was a returning member and the vice chair a new committee member.

## **2. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

It was moved by Don Sachs, seconded by Drexel Smith, to nominate Marlen Garcia for the Citizens Oversight Committee Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Drexel Smith, seconded by Don Sachs, to nominate Sylvia Mendoza for the position of Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion unanimously carried.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November 15, 2005, meeting notes were approved as presented.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## 5. PROGRESS REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

New committee members were given copies of the College's revised Master Plan, approved about a year ago. Gary Nellesen compared some of the differences between the new Master Plan and the former plan. Dr. O'Hearn stressed that the Master Plan is an evolving plan based on new thinking relative to the dollars available and the needs on campus. Dr. O'Hearn said that when A.C. Martin was hired to develop the new Master Plan, College representatives spent a lot of time with them telling them about Mt. SAC and the College's vision. As a result, the College will have a university "feel," which will be a unique experience for students. In developing the College's new Master Plan, the following goals were also addressed:

- Work toward an east/west traffic flow because of the College's topography.
- Review the College Traffic and Parking Plan. It is believed that with the new plan, the College should have sufficient parking spaces for the next 10-15 years.
- Review the College lighting plan to assure a safe environment.
- Because of the size of the campus, sufficient signage is necessary.
- Accessibility – need proper pathways for disabled students.

Dr. O'Hearn said that one of the major changes made in the new Master Plan was to move most of athletics to the south side of Temple. The pool will remain on the north side of Temple. Because of changes like this and more buildings being built on the eastern side of the campus, parking is balancing out. At this time, parking is only a problem the first two weeks of a semester.

By being fiscally prudent, the College is attempting to accomplish all that was promised to the voters; however, increased construction costs are proving to be a challenge. All changes made to the original plan are within the appropriate guidelines. Dr. O'Hearn stressed that the primary goal of the College building program is teaching and learning. It is not the intention of the College to modify projects if it's to the detriment of students.

Gary Nellesen said there are over 100 construction projects on campus in various stages of design ranging in size from very small to major new buildings. He provided the following update on construction projects:

- *Science Laboratories – Project 1.* This project is both State and locally funded, and is 80% complete. They are very close to having the building totally enclosed, so any upcoming rains won't be an issue with construction. The expected move-in date is late June/early July 2006.
- *Music Expansion – Project 17g.* This project has been a challenge because it is nestled in the heart of our Performing Arts Center.
- *Arts and Seismic Renovation – Project 17f-1.* This is a project that included renovation of one of our oldest buildings to meet seismic standards.
- *Classroom Renovation Project – Project 7.* This renovation project is in the bidding process now. This project includes three buildings and is a major renovation project. This will be a phased construction project because of its size and should last about 2½ years.

- *Major Infrastructure Projects – Project 17e.* These are all around campus and include the electrical system in the northwest campus area, the chilled water extension, sewer system, gas lines, and the fire road.

Several projects are still in the planning and design stage:

- *Student Services Renovation – Project 13.* Plans for this \$4 million project are in DSA (Division of the State Architect) now. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2006. This is another phased construction project and is expected to last two years – one year per each phase.
- *Math/Science Building – Project 17i.* This building will include all the math labs. The current plans are for the whole math department to be in one building. Plans have just been submitted to DSA. This building will be part of the four-building complex just to the east of the Administration Building. Construction should begin in February 2007.
- *Agricultural Sciences – Project 5.* This project is being funded with both State funds and Bond funds. This is a five-building project. We are just past the mid-point in design, and plans should go to DSA this summer. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2006.
- *Child Development Center – Project 6.* We are nearing the end of the design stage in this four-building project. The Center will be located on the northwest corner of Bonita and Walnut. Construction should begin in January 2007.

Mr. Nellesen discussed the State's support of funding for higher education facilities and the College's Design Technology Building. The College has applied for State funding to match local funds. This project is now in excess of \$25 million. The College is also applying for up to \$20 million in State funds for the Business Complex. Completion of these projects is dependent upon the State funding.

Committee members discussed the challenges the College is facing due to increased construction costs. Dr. O'Hearn said that, at this time, projects in jeopardy of not being funded from this Bond measure are the Campus Center, Business Complex, and the Workforce Learning Center. Actually, according to Dr. O'Hearn, the Workforce Learning Center will definitely not be funded, but the reason is because of a different philosophy. The College believes that we should go to a business site to train employees rather than having them come to Mt. SAC.

Randy Hartman, Vice President of Bovis Lend Lease, said he is involved in the construction program at several Southern California community colleges. He said that, as a consultant, there is no other district and no other bond program that has done what Mt. SAC has done and the committee members need to be proud of that. One of the things Mt. SAC does that has proven beneficial is multiple-prime. As a result, the College manages each of the trade contractors on a one-on-one basis. He said the College also has an excellent relationship with contractors because we pay invoices promptly. Once an invoice goes through the approval process and reaches Fiscal Services, many contractors will have their check within five days – that is very important to contractors.

Mr. Nellesen said that over \$60 million in construction projects have been completed, which includes five major projects: Athletics Fields, Language Center, Welding & Air

Conditioning, Health Careers, and the Central Plant. We have another \$40 million in projects under construction. Mr. Hartman said that in four years, this one-site campus has put in place more than other districts that have a \$2.2 billion bond.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on May 16, at 5:30 p.m. A tour will be scheduled at 4:30 p.m., for those interested in attending.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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