



MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, Gary Nellesen, Director, Facilities Planning & Management; Randy Hartman, Vice President, Bovis Lend Lease; and committee members Mei Lien Chang, Marlen Garcia, Jim Grivich, Sylvia Mendoza, Don Sachs, and Sally Wieck toured the Science Building.

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, May 16, 2006.

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mei Lien Chang	Marlen Garcia
Jim Grivich	Laurie Marshall
Sylvia Mendoza	Don Sachs
Drexel Smith	Sally Wieck

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

David Fierro	Miguel Del Mundo
Jackson Wen	

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher C. O'Hearn, President/CEO
Gary Nellesen, Director, Facilities Planning & Management
Clarence Brown, Director, Marketing & Communication
Randy Hartman, Vice President, Bovis Construction
Diana Casteel, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. O'Hearn introduced Committee member Jackson Wen's wife, Sophia. Mrs. Wen explained that her husband had been called to Hong Kong and was sorry to miss the

meeting. Dr. O'Hearn also introduced and welcomed Foundation Board President Scarlet Treu.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Don Sachs, seconded by Sylvia Mendoza, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2006, meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Wieck asked for further discussion on an item discussed last month – the Workforce Learning Center and the decision to not fund this project. She asked how that would affect the College's vocational training programs. Dr. O'Hearn said the proposed Workforce Learning Center and the College's vocational programs are two separate items. It is the College's philosophy that we should go to business sites to train employees rather than having them come onto campus. Because of that philosophy, we are no longer planning to build the Workforce Learning Center.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. MARKETING UPDATE

President O'Hearn introduced Clarence "CB" Brown, Director of Marketing and Communication. Mr. Brown provided an overview of some of the ways the College currently keeps the community informed on the progress of the bond projects, including:

- Public presentations by President O'Hearn
- Media tours of construction sites
- Public events (building dedications) such as the Mazmanian Field naming. A dedication ceremony for the new Science Building will be held in the fall.
- Biannual publications of the Community Connection
- Updated information on the College's Website

Internally, progress updates are shared with employees and students through the College class schedules and the catalog. Updates are regularly published in the employee online newsletter (*Campus Connection*). Also, faculty tours of construction projects are ongoing.

Future plans for keeping the community informed include:

- Utilizing information inserts in Chamber of Commerce publications.
- Place updates in community newsletters produced by local cities.
- Secure media placements regarding construction progress and start cultivating climate for the College's future capital needs.

Once a year the College will be taking out a large newspaper ad that will provide the public with a summary of the past year's activities. Mr. Brown shared a copy of this year's ad.

Committee members also suggested that the College consider running video clips on local cable stations.

Mr. Smith asked about the College's relationship with the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and suggested that the College work with the Tribune to do a feature story on the success of the Mt. SAC bond. The story could then be reprinted and given to other publications. Mr. Brown said it may also be time to give the paper's Editorial Board an update.

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Gary Nellesen provided the following update on phase 1 and 2 construction projects:

- *Science Laboratories – Project 1.* This project is both State and locally funded, and is rapidly approaching completion with the installation of interior finishes and cabling for audio visual and computer technology. Work on exterior landscape and walkways is over 80% complete. Contractors are expected to be off the project by mid July. Mr. Nellesen estimated that the cost of this project was \$340 sq. ft. If it were to be bid today, he doesn't think it could be built for under \$400 sq. ft.
- *Music Expansion – Project 17g.* This project has been a challenge because it is nestled in the heart of our Performing Arts Center and has been delayed by a Division of State Architect (DSA) required structural redesign. The redesign has been approved and new steel structural elements are in fabrication. Occupancy for this building has been extended to early 2007.
- *Arts and Seismic Renovation – Project 17f-1.* Seismic improvements and associated infrastructure work is complete with contract close-out proceeding. New exterior painting is in the bid process for summer completion and landscape improvements are in the planning process.
- *Classroom Renovation Project – Project 7.* Construction has begun with demolition and asbestos abatement for three major buildings totaling nearly 200,000 sq. ft. This will be a phased construction project (4 phases) because of its size and should last about 2½ years, with a budget of \$23 million. This project requires a tremendous amount of temporary space including math modular units and additional modular units at the site of the old welding building. The College purchased used modulars from the Los Angeles Unified School District at a savings of nearly \$200,000. It was pointed out that the addition of these modules isn't because of the need to relocate classrooms as much as it is to accommodate growth.
- *Founders Hall – Project 17f-11.* Construction is progressing and is a little over 50% complete.
- *Student Services Renovation – Project 13.* Completed documents have been returned by DSA. Currently the project is in the Bid-Award phase with construction scheduled to begin in October 2006. This is another phased construction project and is expected to last two years – one year per each phase.
- *Bonita/Walnut Intersection – Project 17e.* The budget for this project was \$3.5 million; however, it will go to the Board of Trustees this month to award at \$3.1 million. Pending Board approval, construction will begin in June.

- *New Staff Parking Lot – Project 17f-31.* This is another project where bids came in under budget. Originally budgeted at \$1.5 million, the lowest responsible bid was \$1.1 million. The location of this new lot will be on the site of the old softball field north of Temple.

Mr. Nellesen also mentioned the following miscellaneous summer projects:

- Arts exterior painting
- Language Center additional fire sprinklers (DSA)
- Farm Infrastructure
- Gym floor replacement and interior improvements
- Classroom modular units
- Science Division office relocation
- Student Services temporary units
- Photography temporary space
- Many scheduled maintenance projects

Mr. Nellesen provided the following design projects update:

- *Math/Science Building – Project 17i.* This building is a three-floor, 70,000 square foot classroom building which will include all the math labs, and will be part of the four-building complex just to the east of the Administration Building. Design is complete with documents submitted to DSA in March. Construction should begin in February 2007, pending DSA approval.
- *Agricultural Sciences – Project 5.* This project is being funded with both State funds and Bond funds. It is a five-building project, including a two-floor lab building, support structures for animal care, and a retractable roof greenhouse. Design is complete with documents submitted to DSA in June. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2007, pending DSA approval.
- *Child Development Center – Project 6.* This is a four-building complex housing child care centers previously located in several areas of campus, teaching space previously located in the row buildings, and a new observation space that meets current State standards. Design documents are nearing completion with DSA submission in July 2006. Construction is expected to begin in May 2007.
- *Phase III Energy Conservation Projects – Project 3.* Project planning and preliminary engineering is complete for seven new energy conservation measures, including:
 - Extension of chilled water central plant
 - Piping to the pool heating system to use waste heat from the cogeneration system for pool heating
 - Installation of separate systems for cooling data control and server rooms
 - Improvement of existing building systems to improve the operational efficiency of the new chilled water central plant
 - Incentives in excess of 20% of project cost are currently available

Dr. O'Hearn told Committee members that, while they are receiving wonderful reports of new construction on campus, it is important to stay focused on the fact that Mt. San Antonio College is committed to being the best community college in the State and

nation. We are trying to keep our mission as a community college, but want to have a university “feel” on campus. We want to create an environment in both buildings and landscaping that is conducive to the university feel so students who generally attend a community college and leave will stay and study, socialize, and gather with faculty.

Dr. O'Hearn stressed that the work that the Citizens Oversight Committee does and that the Board of Trustees does is enormous. He asked committee members to imagine the logistical nightmare of trying to figure out how to do this much construction on campus without interrupting teaching and learning. It requires the cooperation of everyone on campus. That includes 44,000 students, 375 full-time faculty, 900 part-time faculty, and well over 1,000 classified staff managing to co-exist in this environment without complaining. According to Dr. O'Hearn, the ultimate goal is that there will be no temporary buildings on campus.

The College is trying to manage bond dollars extremely well and we do that by making adjustments and making decisions that we don't necessarily want to make, like the decision to not build the gym with these bond dollars. The College honors its commitment to use bond dollars wisely.

Dr. O'Hearn said the Governor is giving community colleges the best budget he has ever seen. Because historically the Board of Trustees has been conservative, that is going to give the College the opportunity to stretch those additional funds. Dr. O'Hearn said there isn't another community college in the state managing the amount of construction that we are, and there's no other campus hiring 39 new full-time faculty in order to provide excellence at every level.

Dr. O'Hearn said he is so appreciative for the bond and the building, but at the end of the day, they are just buildings – although important and necessary. Far more valuable is the mission and human capital that we have here and what we are doing daily to transform lives. This is a college of champions across the board. This capital campaign is allowing us to do our best work and create an environment necessary for student success. Dr. O'Hearn thanked the Citizens Oversight Committee members for their very important work and support in this mission.

Chair Garcia thanked President O'Hearn and the College staff for taking on this tremendous project and doing an excellent job. She said the only complaint she hears is that it can be hard to get a class because they fill up so quickly – and that is a good problem.

Ms. Wieck also commended Dr. O'Hearn and said she appreciates the passion that comes across when he talks about the college.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on August 8, at 5:30 p.m. A tour will be scheduled at 4:30 p.m., for those interested in attending.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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