

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Measure "C" Citizens' Oversight Committee

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

MINUTES

The Santa Clarita Community College District Measure "C" Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in R-206, College of the Canyons, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, California 91355.

Roll call indicated the following:

Members Present: Mr. Alan DiFatta, Community Member
Mr. Calvin Hedman, Hedman & Associates (Arrived 2:09p)
Mr. Michael Hogan, Hogan USA
Mr. Kevin Holmes, COC Foundation
Mr. John Hoskinson, Gruber Systems
Ms. Sara Vogler, ASG, Representative

Members Absent: Ms. Barbara Stearns-Cochran, KHTS Radio Host

Others Present: Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Superintendent-President
Dr. Mitjl Capet, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Jim Schrage, Dean, Physical Plant & Facilities Planning
Ms. Kari Soffa, Director, Accounting Services
Ms. Lenore Marta, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent-President
Mr. John Green, Interim Reprographics Supervisor
Ms. Chris Miner, Administrative Assistant, Facilities

Chair Hogan declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**Quorum
Established
(1.1)**

The Committee moved approval of the meeting Agenda.

**Agenda Approval
(1.2)**

Motion: Kraut Second: Vogler Record of Vote: 6-0

The Committee moved approval of the 10-16-06 Minutes.

**Approval of 2-22-07
Meeting Minutes
(1.4)**

Motion: Hoskinson Second: Vogler Record of Vote: 5-0-1
(Abstain: DiFatta)

Mr. Jim Schrage made a presentation showing the Committee Measure "C" funded projects under construction.

**Review of Measure "C"
Funded Projects Under
Construction
(3.2)**

Dr. Van Hook indicated the Measure "C" funds are anticipated to be expended by June 2008.

Dr. Dianne Van Hook made a presentation (attached to these minutes) updating the Committee on the Canyon Country Educational Center.

**Overview of Canyon
Country Educational
Center
(3.1)**

- Dr. Van Hook noted the Canyon Country Campus had an initial enrollment of 3,534 (not 5,254 as indicated in the presentation handout).
- She noted that 1.3 million cubic yards of dirt were moved with none being removed from the site.
- She highlighted the Committee that without Measure "C" funds, COC would

never have the Canyon Country Campus as the state wouldn't have funded the purchase of the land or the site development.

Mr. Schrage distributed a Historical Timeline and a Canyon Country History for the Committee's background information.

Ms. Sofa reviewed the Performance Audit and Financial Audit with the Committee. She pointed out to the Committee that:

- The Performance Audit had no exceptions, with 52% of the transactions being reviewed; and
- There were no weaknesses found in the Financial Audit.

Mr. Holmes noted that no commingling or allocation of funds to the District as noted in the Results Section is meaningful to future audits.

Mr. Hedman asked Mr. Schrage if the anticipated contributions from other sources would allow the District to complete all the projects listed in the ballot measure.

Mr. Schrage replied that the District can complete its projects with the funding it has, and COC expects to use up Measure “C” funds by June 2008. He explained the increase in Measure “C” dollars (over the original bond amount) is partly due to:

- Interest on the bond funds,
- Refunding of the bond funds,
- Contributions such as those from the William S. Hart Union High School District (field turf), and
- Increased match dollars from the State.

Dr. Van Hook further noted that the District was greatly aided by the generation of almost \$10 million from interest and refunding of the bonds. She stated:

- There are very few projects that could have been funded by Measure “C” funds but were not, which are now being funded by Measure “M” dollars.
- There was only one building the district planned to build with Measure “C” funds but did not. The building was to be used to house public works, workforce training, etc. The District didn't need the building as partnerships were developed with Al Mann, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, the William S. Hart Union High School District, etc. that would make the building redundant and underutilized.

The Committee moved acceptance of the Performance Audit and Financial Audit.

Motion: Holmes Second: Hedman Record of Vote: 6-0

The Committee will notify the SCCCD Board of Trustees President of its acceptance of the Performance Audit and Financial.

The Committee submitted this Resolution is to affirm that the requirements specified in the law have been met.

The Committee moved approval of Resolution 2007/08-01 Affirming the Santa Clarita Community College District's compliance with Requirements as Stated in the Law (Section 15278-15282).

Motion: Hoskinson Second: Holmes Record of Vote: 6-0

Mr. Schrage reviewed the Life-to-Date Expense Report.

**Acceptance of
Performance Audit and
Financial Audit: Santa
Clarita Community
College District General
Obligation Bonds
(4.1)**

**Approval of Resolution
2007/08-01 Affirming
the Santa Clarita
Community College
District's compliance
with Requirements as
Stated in the Law
(Section 15278-15282)
(4.2)**

Review of Life to Date

He noted that in using the Measure “C” funds, the District overcame obstacles such as a 40% increase in construction costs, and was able to complete the planned projects.

**Expenses by Project
(4.3)**

Dr. VanHook explained to the Committee that College of the Canyons doesn’t bid a project to one contractor. COC hires construction managers to work with Mr. Schrage and the Architects to develop bid packages. The intent is to have local companies working on the projects as they have ties to the community and are more responsive to the needs of the college. This enables the projects to come together more quickly.

Dr. Capet extended a thank you to Committee for all their work. He informed them that this is the 7th district in which he has worked that passed a bond. None of those districts have completed their projects. Speaking for the faculty who were teaching, he appreciates the Committee’s support of College of the Canyons.

**Comments by Members
of Audience on Any
Item Not on the Agenda
(5.1)**

Mr. Hogan noted that the community sees the results of Measure “C.”

Mr. Hoskinson indicated the community is aware of the progress made by College of the Canyons, which is not the same with other entities using bond funds.

Dr. Van Hook presented a handout on Prop 92, stating it provided a commitment to educational access in the future and improving state economic development.

The Measure “C” Citizens’ Oversight Committee will be notified when another meeting is being scheduled.

**Announcement of Next
Meeting & Adjournment
(6.1)**

The Committee moved adjournment of the meeting.

Motion: Hedman Second: Vogler Record of Vote: 6-0

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hogan at 2:55 p.m.